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## A Mountain Delilah.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY CHESTER LIVINGSTON.

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HE gray shades of twilight were giving place to the heavier shadows of night. It was already dark in deep hollows of the Kentucky hills, for here night falls quickly. Upon a spur of a chain of knobs which bisects Casey County, a man stood with his head bowed in thought. The place where he stood was heavily wooded and extremely isolated. There was no sound or sign of human life anywhere, and to all appearances he was the only living being in all that vast expanse of forest. He was not a mountaineer—a casual glance showed that. He was a young man, not over twenty-five, with a face almost boyish. His clothes were made for service, from rough strong material, and he wore top boots and a sombrero hat. A Winchester rifle was in his hand and a revolver was at his waist.

This was Barton Langley, as intrepid and daring a revenue officer as the government had in its employ. He had taken up this life from choice about a year before, and during this time his name had become a positive curse to the evil-doers in the Kentucky mountains. He was subtle and shrewd, and had so schooled himself in their ways that he could, disguised, pass among them with impunity.

But there was one man who had so far escaped him, despite his scheming and his plans. And this was Abe Kent, who scoffed at the majesty of the law, and constantly eluded the hand of Justice. Langley had sworn to take him, single-handed, dead or alive, and for the past week the plot he had formed for this purpose had been slowly developing.

"It's time she was here," muttered the lonely officer, as the last gleam of day vanished and the moon came out from behind the ragged edge of a cloud. "Surely she won't fail me to-night. No; she cannot if she would. It's a mean, low-down thing to do, but there's my oath, and this is the only way, and—I owe a debt to some daughter of Eve!"

His eyes shone and his mouth contracted in a bitter smile at the recollection. It had not been long ago—just a year, and the wound had not healed.

The brushing of leaves caught his quick ear, and he swung around with the revolver in his hand. But a moment later he smiled and placed it back in his belt, and held out his arms instead.

She came towards him, trustingly, and permitted him to gather her to his bosom.

She was a little different from most mountain women. Her form was not stooped and

crooked, nor her eyes lustreless and heavy. Instead, a buoyant youth was expressed in her young figure, her face was pretty, with a wild, untamed beauty, and her black hair fell over her shoulders unconfined. Barton Langley had seen worse-looking women in the drawing-rooms and parlors of society.

"Hev I kep' you waitin'?" she asked, gazing up at him with eyes which expressed the love in her soul.

"A little," he answered, bending down and kissing her. "But it makes no difference—a minute or two."

"I couldn't come sooner; I think they're gittin' s'picious. Ain't—ain't there some other way, Barton?"

She laid her head on his shoulder, wearily, and his heart revolted in him at the part he had to play. For the moment he wished himself out of it, but it was too late now. The beginning of the end had come.

"No, Jane, my little girl, there's no other way," he said, caressing her hair with his hand. "And when it's all over, you will come with me, away from these hills and the wild people who live here. You will marry me, and we will be happy together."

"I'll do it, then—for you. But it ain't right, Barton, an' I've thought so all along. I don't know what you city people call right an' wrong, an' since you say you'd do ez much for me, I b'lieve you. But somethin' in me tells that I'm doin' wrong."

"Nonsense, little girl! Do you think I would let you do anything that wasn't right? Remember my oath, Jane. Without your help I will break it. Are you going back on me now, when the time has come?"

"No; I love you, Barton, an' I've promised you. I mus' go now, for he's comin' soon."

She released herself from his arms and stood looking into his face, reading its every line with searching eyes. A dark flush guiltily mantled his cheeks, but the broad rim of his hat hid it. The girl sighed and turned away, then moved by a sudden impulse, turned and came back to him. She put her hands on his shoulders and spoke:

"He's a bigger man than you, Barton, an' stronger. I'm 'fraid that all won't go well."

The man laughed, lightly.

"Leave that to me, girl. Everything shall happen as I have told."

"An'—an' you'll take me away with you? They'd kill me ef they knowed I done it. Even dad wouldn't lift his hand to save me ef he knowed."

The man drew her to him and kissed her again.

"As soon as it is over we shall leave together. I have horses down yonder—" pointing to a ravine at the foot of the south-western slope. "By daylight we shall be in safety."

"Good-bye," she answered. "I'll do it—for you."

And then he was alone again—alone with his accusing conscience and unbending determination.

Not over a mile from where he was standing, a brawny mountaineer was making his way along the side of a precipitous knob, his destination being a little hut hidden in an angle of the ridge. Abe Kent had loved Jane Penn for nearly a year, though she had given him but little encouragement. He followed her about like a dog and anticipated her every wish, but she treated him coolly, sometimes with incivility. It was not until about ten days ago that Abe saw the change for which he had waited so long. One night Jane came down to the still where he and her father were at work, and chatted with him for a long time—even giving him a smile when she left, and asking him to come to see her sometimes.

Abe wanted to thank God in his heart for this, but he didn't know how. But her visit had made his work lighter, somehow, and there was a feeling in his breast like he had been drinking new whiskey. A kind of happy, joyous feeling, which made the moonlight brighter, and the song of the night bird sweeter. He cut his work short, and went to see her the next night, and she looked at him tenderly once or twice, while making him keep his distance. But for the past week she had been slowly relenting, and last night—last night he had kissed her at parting, and she had told him that she loved him. And she had told him to come tonight, that she wanted to be with him, and Abe was as happy as he cared to be.

She was standing in the doorway, and came forward to greet him. Her face was flushed, and her breath came fast, as though from exertion, but Abe thought it was all for love of him, as he swept her from her feet in his strong arms and held her to his breast.

"An' so you do love me, after all, Jane?" he said, placing her tenderly on the ground, and holding her pretty face between his big brown hands, where the moonlight fell full upon it. "I've waited fur ye long, long, long little girl! I thought the time wuz never comin'."

She felt a sudden, sick pang at her heart at his earnest words.

"It has been long, Abe, but I never loved ye before."

"But ye do now—tell me that ye do now, Jane; tell me that ye love me!"

"Yes, Abe; I love you."

But the words were husky, and almost stuck

in her throat.

"Come," she said, "let's set on the door-step. The night's too pretty to go in."

"I've been awful mean to you, Abe," she said when they were seated, "but I'm goin' to make up for it now."

She placed her arms around his neck and kissed his bearded cheek. The touch of her lips sent an electric thrill through the man who sat beside her. He trembled all over, then turned and took her in his arms and held her there, pressing his lips again and again to her forehead, face and hair. When his first strong rush of love had spent itself, he leaned back against the wall of the hut and tried to think, but his mind was in a whirl.

"Don't you pack but one pistol with you now, Abe?" she asked, presently, at the same time drawing the heavy revolver from the belt at his waist, and laying it in her lap.

"Jes' one, Jane," he answered. "I've got another'n down at the still, but two uv 'em gits heavy. An' besides, them revenueurs hev 'bout give up huntin' me, I think."

"Let me hev this pistol, Abe. I git lonesome here by myself, an' dad always takes his'n with 'im."

Her voice was low and trembled a little, but Abe thought it was timidity.

"Why, little gel, uv course it's yourn," he replied, delighted to grant the request. "All that I've got's yourn, ef ye want it."

"Let me put it away, Abe," she said, rising. "Tomorrer you mus' come up an' learn me how to shoot it."

"Bring hit down to the still!" he called after her, merrily, "an' you kin shoot at the squirrels all day!"

"You'll never see your still again, Abe Kent!" The mountaineer turned like a flash, and instinctively his hand went to his waist.

Not ten paces away a man was standing, and the bright moonlight glinted on the barrel of a revolver in his outstretched hand, with its muzzle pointed at the moonshiner's heart.

"You will either come with me, or your dead carcass shall lie here for some of your comrades to bury. Take your choice!"

Abe rose to his feet and as he did so he heard light footsteps behind him. Hope came to his heart. It was Jane, coming to his relief. He was in the shadow of the hut and he carefully held out his hand for the revolver he thought she was bringing. But instead, she flitted swiftly by him and in a moment was at the side of the revenue officer.

"Put these on him!" said the man, and with his disengaged hand he held out to her a pair of hand-cuffs.

She took them and started to obey, and then only light came to Abe's mind. With a hoarse cry of pain and anger he sprang forward. The report of the revolver sounded sharply on the quiet air, and Abe clutched his breast, but still came on. There was a knife in his hand now, and though bullet after bullet pierced his body he did not fall. Another second and Barton Langley and Abe Kent fell to earth together, the knife of the moonshiner piercing the heart of the revenue officer.

And now the story is told of a woman, from whose mind reason has fled, who wanders about the hills always seeking for some one whom she knew and loved, but whom she will never find.

## From Hemlocks to Orange Trees.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ALEXANDER MACPHERSON.

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HE next attraction on the evening's program is the wonderful performance of mind reading and second sight given by Prof. LeBlanc and his daughter Aline LeBlanc. This performance has been witnessed by hundreds of the most famous scientists of this country and of Europe, who have declared themselves to be astounded at the mysterious powers which Miss LeBlanc evidently possesses.

This, and much more, in the same vein. Henry Pendleton turned the program in his hand, listlessly, to see what was on the last page; and wondered why he had come to Spring Grove Park to spend the evening.

It was Saturday night. Mr. Pendleton, who was a young lawyer, had come to an inland New England city on business and had been detained longer than he had expected. Someone had told him that Spring Grove had a rustic theater, in which Pendleton found a really good variety show in operation. He had bought a ticket and sat down, only to find that variety shows—like everything else, he told himself—had no longer any power to amuse him.

The theater was built in a grove of big hemlock trees. Two great trees stood at the front corners of the stage, and their trunks supported the proscenium arch. When the actors left the stage they disappeared into a thicket of evergreen shrubbery, amidst which the dressing

rooms had been built, and the backgroun was a vista of rich brown trunks which in the light of the electric lights looked like pillars of a cathedral, as they rose straight and beautiful into the gloom of their green branches. Pendleton gazed off into the shadows and thought how peaceful and restful they looked.

A young man who played a piano at one corner of the stage, and constituted the entire orchestra, left his seat to shift the sign cards, which announced in big black letters the name of each attraction on the program. The cards, he placed in front bore the names of the LeBlancs.

A large, well built man with dark hair and eyes came out upon the stage, accompanied by a slender young woman. The supers brought on a table and a chair. On the table the placed what looked like an ordinary sofa pillow. The young woman sat down at the table so that her profile was towards the audience, and the man bound a white handkerchief about her eyes. When he had done this he took from his pocket a contrivance which looked like one of the toy rattles which fakirs sell at fairs. He twirled this rapidly, and a melodious humming sound filled all the place. The sound seemed to affect the young woman as the rattle of a snake is said to charm a bird. Her head drooped slowly towards the table, until it rested upon the pillow. When she was asleep the professor took her head gently in his hands and turned it so it lay upon one side, upon the cushion, with the face in full view of the audience. Then he took his own station at a distance of several feet, standing with his back turned to the table. The usual tests followed. The young woman, although apparently asleep, told numbers and names, in reponse to suggestions from persons in the audience, and answered questions.

"We will now proceed to the last and most difficult test," said the professor LeBlanc, "that of answering written questions sent to the stage and read only by myself, and that not aloud."

Slips of paper were handed through the seats. When the ushers offered them to Pendleton he waved them back, but a moment later, as if on second impulse, he reached out for a slip, wrote a few words upon it, and sent it up to the stage with the others.

The professor unfolded each slip, read it, and then, without a word, waited until his daughter answered the question which had been written upon the paper. Ejaculations of wonder, and sometimes of amusement, from different places in the room, showed that many of the questions

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were answered with surprising accuracy.

Pendleton looked on carelessly. He had no faith in the operation as anything but an adroit exhibition of sleight of hand, and no interest in it further than to admire the skill of the performers.

Prof. LeBlanc unfolded a paper and read the question on it. For the first time the young woman hesitated, and she waited so long that finally her father, as if to help her, read the question over to himself again. A moment later the girl spoke, more as if in conversation with someone than in answer to a question, and said:

"Francis Pendleton is not dead."

No one in the audience knew Henry Pendleton, or connected the well-dressed man in of the reserved seats with this answer. No one, therefore, noticed how pale he grew. People looked about them for some sign of interest in this answer, and seeing and hearing none, judged that the person who had written the question had gone home, and so turned to the stage to wait for the next answer.

The question which Henry Pendleton had written on his slip of paper had been, "Where is my brother, Francis Pendleton, buried?"

No wonder that the answer made him grow pale, and say over and over to himself, "It is a trick. They cannot really know. It was only a shrewd guess on the girl's part."

Francis Pendleton had been an officer in an American Company in Cuba, and had died there. At least it had been reported that he had died, although there had been confusion and contradiction as to time and place, and final information as to where he had been buried had been wholly lacking. The two brothers had been very dear to each other, and since peace had been declared Henry Pendleton had gone again and again over the field of the war in Cuba, seeking his older brother's grave. It was only recently that he had given up the search and come back to the States to take up again his long neglected business life.

All that night, after he had gone to his hotel, he did not sleep. By morning, although half angry with himself for doing so, he had resolved to seek out the mind readers and see if he could get any satisfaction from a talk with them.

The clerk in the hotel office did not know where the performers at the Park stopped. No doubt the proprietor of the theater there knew, he said, but it was noon before Pendleton found this man, and then only to learn that the engagement of Prof. LeBlanc and his daughter had ended with the previous evening and that they had taken a midnight train for another city.

Pendleton said to himself, "How foolish to think more of them. I will put the matter out of my mind," and then finished up his business as quickly as he could, and bought a ticket for the city to which the LeBlancs had gone.

When he came to meet the professor and his daughter he was somewhat surprised to find them refined, well-educated people, not at all the obvious imposters whom he had expected. The young woman said frankly, "I cannot explain what I do, for I do not understand it myself. I only know that I seem to be dreaming. When I wake I learn that I have been talking of the places and people I have seen in my dreams, and I find that some of the people who hear me recognize in what I have said answers to questions which they have asked." Of Pendleton's question of a few days before, the young woman remembered nothing.

During this interview Pendleton told them nothing of his reasons for seeking them out, other than that he had been interested in a previous test which he had seen them make. He reasoned to himself that the less these people knew of the matter which he wished to investigate, the easier it would be for him to decide if he were being imposed upon.

"Come to the theater tonight and make another trial," said the professor.

"Possibly," was the answer.

That night the young man wrote on the slip of paper which he sent up to the stage:

"Where is Francis Pendleton?"

One after another the answers to the silently read questions came from the lips of the apparently unconscious young woman. The man listened eagerly to the first words of each and then, when he found that they did not concern him, waited impatiently for the next.

"I see a slight young man standing beneath orange trees. The fruit falls yellow about him. I cannot see his face. His head seems hidden in a cloud. From his left hand two fingers have been cut. A black man comes and leads him away. I see the ocean gleam through the trees, and warships float upon the water."

Pendleton knew that his question was answered. But was that all?

The next night he asked, "What is the name of the place where Francis Pendleton is living?" and got no answer. The next night he tried again. "Is Francis Pendleton in Havana?" and was answered "No." Then he asked "Santiago?" and received a similar reply. The next night, almost by chance, he wrote upon his slip of paper the word, "Tampa?"

"He is at Tampa," was the reply. There was no intimation as to who it was that was at Tampa, but Pendleton felt sure it was his question which was answered, and that night started for Florida.

## Old-fashioned Training.

### Its Strong and Weak Points.

The strong point of the old-fashioned training was the stress laid upon morality and virtue. "Be good and you'll be happy," was the common precept set before the growing child. But as the girl grew up to maidenhood she was often sorely puzzled to reconcile those past teachings with her present condition. She was good. Her soul was pure as the lilies of her garden. Her heart was undefiled. And yet she was desperately unhappy by reason of physical ailments common to women.

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One day he had gone a few miles into the country to a village in which there had seemed to be a clue. The journey had proved as useless as the others and he was returning discouraged. The heat and the monotony of a slow local train combined to make him fall asleep. There came to him in a dream the sight of the girl, back in the New England forest, and once more he heard her say: "I see a slight young man standing beneath orange trees—"

A breath of air which seemed to him, sleeping, to be fragrant with the scent of hemlocks, blew over his face and woke him. The train was running slowly, as Florida trains seem to like to do—through an orange grove. The yellow fruit hung from the trees and gleamed upon the ground, and there, standing beneath one of the trees, Henry Pendleton saw his brother. Even while he watched through the open car window, a black man came and took his brother by the hand and led him away among the trees.

Pendleton would have jumped from the train if the brakeman would have let him. The best he could do was to hasten back from the next station. He found the orange grove, and living in it in a neat little new log house, his brother, physically strong but mentally a wreck, tenderly cared for by the black man who owned the plantation and the other houses upon it.

"He saved my life in a fight there, one day," the negro said, "and just a few minutes later dropped down himself as if dead from the heat of the sun. I pulled him into the bushes, and then the Spaniards came that way and I didn't dare to come out. I found a native hut and got him into that, and took care of him. Before he was strong enough to stand up the troops had gone. I put him on to a sponge sloop and brought him here. I own my little place and he should never have wanted for food. He is good, but he has never known anything since that day he fell down in the sun."

Nor did the man know his brother. Henry Pendleton might have been the greatest stranger in all the world to him. Of the two he went quickest to the negro's side.

All that passed away, though, under skillful brain surgery in a New York hospital, and in time Henry Pendleton had his brother back, clothed and in his right mind. When he came to know all of the strange circumstances connected with his return to life is it any wonder that he wished to see Aline LeBlanc? All trace of the man and woman seemed lost until

one day, a year afterwards, the two brothers walking down a sidewalk in Boston, met a man whom Henry Pendleton stopped and spoke to. It was Professor LeBlanc. He was dressed in black, and looked years older the months which had passed would have seemed to call for.

"My daughter is dead," he said, to the young man's question, and then, before they could say more, he had passed on into the crowd.

If you ask me why I tell this story, which must always be unfinished, I can only say that I had it to tell. I think the reason must have been that as I grow older I come more and more to feel that one ought to have charity of mind as well as of heart.

There are many things in this world which we cannot understand—not at first, at least. Is it not better to say of them, "I do not know," than to cry at once, "It is foolish, wrong, fraud, evil?"

## The Counsellor's Appointment.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY EMERSON GARDNER.

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YOUNG Mr. Robinson, known professionally as William B. Robinson, Esq., was plainly out of sorts. Apparently there was no good reason for this, for he had done a good morning's work, and had had a more elaborate luncheon and a much better cigar than usual. Moreover his fee was in his pocket and he intended to spend two happy hours that afternoon listening to Madam C— whose last piano recital for several seasons was announced. He had told his wife not to

call for him on her way to the concert hall, fearing that some business might interfere with their proposed pleasure, but that he would join her if he could get away.

Now, as he sat at his desk looking through the columns of the "Enquirer" having a top drawer open for its sudden concealment in case a hand should rest on his doorknob or a shadow pause before his glass door, there was a distinct frown upon his fine face. Five minutes earlier, seemingly at peace with the world, his expression had been calm and he had hummed softly to himself as he drew up his chair and unfastened the red ribbon from a package of severe looking papers so as to appear busily engaged should a client suddenly call; but now he was in a savage temper. The mere ringing of his telephone bell had of itself produced no more than the customary fleeting scowl of impatience, but he had sworn under his breath when in response to his "Hello" that curt message had come—"Burton wants me to tell you to be in your office without fail a little before half past two."

Now this same Burton was a good and wealthy client with a most admirable faculty of getting into trouble, but his interviews were invariably irritating because of their great length. So Robinson swore, as I said, then answering "all right" had proceeded to work up a bit of a rage which had held him ever since.

Madame's recital was down for two thirty, and the "Sonata Pathétique" (his favorite) was her third number, and must be over long before he could part from his client. "Confound the old fool and his affairs!" he stormed. "I hate this being tied to my desk, anyway! Why didn't I know enough to cut loose early and not get caught here until tomorrow. This everlasting business is always interfering with a fellow's pleasures, and no one but my wife has any feeling for me when I have to stay away from such a recital as this. I suppose if I loved whiskey instead of good music, I'd get more sympathy when I absent myself occasionally, and most people would say, 'poor chap,' instead of 'crank!'"

"Well, I've got to stay here and see him, of course, but it's a cursed shame all the same!"

Now all this goes to show that our young friend was in better accord with Beethoven and Schubert and Mendelssohn than Blackstone, Addison and Storey, and this outbreak was by no means his first of the kind. The elder Robinson had been a stern cold man of the law, powerful mentally, but deaf and blind artistically, and no one knew whence his son and professional successor had acquired his absorbing love for art. That he had it, could not be denied, and he was often miserable in consequence. Music, especially, was his "curse" as he himself put it in moments of impatient anger, and those of us who know what a jealous mistress she is and how she demands attention and devotion at all sorts of inopportune moments, can give him ready sympathy.



He had inherited but one trait from his father, a rare one too, in a music lover—a keen appreciation of the need of something serious in the way of a life work, and a full realization of the effects of that careless disregard of such which seemed to characterize most of his "artist" acquaintances. Therefore he worked, not so much to acquire money as to avoid those troubles which come from the lack of it. His law studies had always been irksome to him, and while he had by hard work mastered their foundation principles, he had never found them interesting or attractive. He probably would never have fought his way to the Bar had it not been for this inherited commercial instinct which showed the probability of succeeding to his father's lucrative practice if he would but prepare himself to receive it. So strong was his taste for music, even in his earlier youth, that his promotion into the Junior class at the Law school had been seriously imperilled by the fact that on the day set for examinations the pupils of the Conservatory of Music in the adjoining building held their closing exercises. The day being warm and windows open, the June breeze had brought the sound of the piano into the class-room where he sat with but one hour allotted for the answering of ten dry and complicated questions on "Contracts." So absorbed was he in listening that forty minutes had slipped by before he had written a word. He had been noting with pleased surprise the near approach to the requisite in the smooth playing of the "Nachtstuck;" the unusual power of execution in the opening bars of Schumann's "Etudes Symphoniques," and the dainty lightness of a Chopin study, and did not care a whit whether "A's" telegrams to "B" about the purchase of "a certain number of bales of cotton of a certain weight and quality, to be delivered at a certain place, at a certain time, by a certain railroad, for a certain price," and "B's" wired message in reply thereto, did or did not "constitute a binding agreement."

A pause in the Conservatory program brought him to his senses, face to face with the fact that only twenty minutes were left for work, and that the other fellows were red-faced and tousled from their anxious exertions. Fortunately he recalled the advice of a friendly Senior, who had said to him that morning, "Robbie, old man, when you get old Burnett's paper on 'Contracts' pick out the first question you see that you are sure of, and write all you can about it. The old man told me once, when I was helping him examine some papers, that he would never turn down a man who could discuss any one of his questions broadly and intelligently so as to convince him of absolute understanding of the points involved." This bit of advice had pulled Robinson through on "Contracts."

Since the student had become the practitioner he had fought this same fight within himself many times, and the conflict of to-day was but a repetition of many similar experiences.

The determination to wait for old Burton, while it was made instantly, was but the working out of many of these early mental struggles in which better judgment, accompanied by bad temper, always prevailed.

Looking once more into the office we find that the "Enquirer" has been thrown aside, and that a second cigar is being fiercely puffed—also that the papers in "Burton vs. Harris" have been hauled out from their tin resting-place for one more thorough reading.

As Robinson is in the midst of an effort to master the tiresome details of the case, a light step sounds in the hall, and in a second or two the opening door reveals Mrs. Robinson clad in her very best, and asking, "Shall you be able to go, dear?"

"No," he replies, drawing her to a chair, and speaking wearily, for his anger has gone, leaving only keen disappointment. "I must wait here for old Burton. He telephoned in a little while ago, saying I must be sure to be here a little before half past two. Hard luck, I call it. What are you laughing at?" he says, swinging 'round in his chair in surprise (for heretofore Mrs. Robinson has always been sweetly sympathetic on these occasions).

"Oh! you poor dear boy!" she stammers, choking with merriment, "get your coat on this minute. It was I who sent that telephone message because I had left my purse at home and must see you before the concert. I was so busy when I got in town that I couldn't come 'way down here to find you, so I got Uncle George to call you up from his store and tell you I would be in just before half past and for you to be sure to wait, and"—But Robinson had got into his coat. A neat card bearing the legend, "Out of Town—Return to-morrow", was already on the door, and as the key turned, two gloved hands squeezed his arm and a soft voice said apologetically, "Really, Will, I never once thought that 'Bertha' and 'Burton' might sound alike over the wire!"

### The Severed Hand.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HENRIETTA R. HINCKLEY.

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FIRST swung my shingle to the breeze in a thriving little town a few miles out of Boston. Like all country doctors my night calls often exceeded my day's work so I was not surprised one night when a carriage drove up in front of my house a little before midnight and an imperative ring at the bell summoned my presence. I responded to the bell as soon as possible, and upon opening the door was surprised to see a masked man. He entered and asked me if I were a surgeon. I unhesitatingly answered

"Yes;" although the number of surgical operations I had as yet performed could be counted

on my fingers. But I was ambitious and poor, and knew it would not do to speak of inexperience.

"Do you wish to earn five hundred dollars before morning?" he asked next. My heart throbbed with delight but I replied cautiously: "If I could earn such an amount honestly I should be pleased to do so, but when a man comes to me with a mask over his face, it looks suspicious. I will do no dirty work, much as I need the money."

He replied in a cold, haughty tone that he required the services of a surgeon and he was willing to pay liberally. If he did not wish to reveal his identity that was his own business. If I did not desire the work he would seek help elsewhere. I could not risk losing so large a fee and asked in a more conciliatory tone what the nature of the operation was.

"It is the amputation of a hand," he replied. "My wife has been bitten by a poisonous reptile and unless the hand is amputated at once she will lose her arm, perhaps her life. Have you the proper instruments, and can you come at once?"

My interest and sympathy were aroused at once and I commenced to pack my surgical case.

"I shall need assistance," I said. "I will assist you," he replied. "I am somewhat of a surgeon myself. There is a nurse who will help by administering the chloroform."

I was soon ready and we entered the carriage and were driven rapidly through the muddy streets. It was impossible for me to keep track of the locality after we left the town and entered the country roads, with trees to obstruct the view and the rain pouring in sheets upon the small glass in the door. We stopped, after an hour's ride, at the side entrance of what looked to be a large, handsome, summer residence with extensive grounds surrounding it. There were no lights and I must confess to a qualmish feeling as I followed my guide up the wet stone steps into the portico, and waited for him to unfasten the massive door.

When we entered the hall I was grateful for the warmth and a dim light that revealed a handsome interior. I followed my masked guide up a broad flight of stairs and through another dimly lighted hall to a chamber. Here, also, the lights were dim, but I could see that it was luxuriously furnished. In the center of the room stood a large canopied bed. The curtains were looped back from one side, revealing the outlines of a form.

"I shall need more light," I said.

My guide spoke to a woman who had been standing on the other side of the bed, unnoted by me until she crossed the room to fetch a lamp which stood on a small table. I then saw that she wore the attire of a nurse. Approaching the bed I bent over the patient, who lay motionless, her face turned from me. The arrangement of her hair and the draperies were such that all I could see was a small dainty ear and a pale cheek on which rested long, dark lashes. Her hand and arm lay on the outside of the coverlet. The hand was bandaged.

I wished to take the pulse and examine the condition of my patient before beginning the operation, but the husband convinced me that she was comfortable and already under the influence of an anesthetic, and it was not best to disturb her, but hasten the operation before it was too late.

The nurse had already prepared towels, sponges and water, and deftly helped me arrange the rubber blanket under the arm of the patient. I then gently removed the bandages, and a small, beautifully formed hand lay exposed. But upon the back was a red mark, surrounded by a discolored circle. The fingers were purple and cold. It was a very bad looking hand, indeed, and I firmly believed that only amputation would save the arm, and perhaps the life of the poor girl upon the bed.

I had not yet grown callous with much cutting, and I needed all my nerve to sink my knife into the pretty white wrist. Beads of perspiration covered my forehead, but I pressed my lips firmly together while I swiftly and silently did my work. It was finished at last; the arteries tied; the last stitch taken; and the poor little discarded hand lay in the midst of bloody cloths and wet sponges.

All doctors take a certain amount of pleasure in preserving tumors, tapeworms, and other gruesome trophies of their surgical skill. So while pretending to sweep all refuse together and deposit in the jar brought by the nurse, I slipped the little hand into my pocket.

The patient was recovering from the effect of the chloroform and in a safe condition to leave, so, as the husband seemed anxious I should depart as soon as possible, I repacked my surgical case, received my fee in bank notes, and was hustled into the carriage.

"I must see your wife again in about three days," I said, as he was about to shut the carriage door.

"Yes, yes," he answered, impatiently. "I will send or come for you."

Then with the order to "drive like the devil" the coachman touched up his horses, and we drove away.

I tried my best to distinguish the route, but all I could see were trees, vacant meadows, and now and then a farm house. It must have been about four o'clock when I reached home, for the gray light of a new day was lighting the landscape.

I went to my office and locked myself in. Drawing the hand from my pocket, I examined it with much professional pride. What a pretty hand it must have been before its beauty was marred. Taking a microscope, I scrutinized the spot where the reptile had fastened its deadly fangs. To my surprise there was no scratch or abrasion of the skin, and what had looked like mortification by lamp light, now looked like a dark stain.

With wildly beating heart, I took a wet sponge and drew it across the hand. My suspicions were confirmed when the stain was washed away revealing the marble white flesh beneath, without scar, scratch, or blemish of any kind. I sank into a chair overcome by my discovery. I had amputated a healthy hand! There was no poisonous bite; no disease; no occasion for its removal. My God! what did it mean. I had been made the dupe and tool of some devil in human shape. The hand had been skillfully painted and bandaged to deceive me.

What object could the fiend have had in mutilating his young wife in such a horrible manner? Was it the act of a madman, or a jealous husband's revenge? What would the poor young thing say when she returned to consciousness and found a bleeding stump in place of her pretty white hand?



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I placed the hand in a jar of alcohol—I could not bring myself to bury it—and placed it on the top shelf of my closet, out of sight.

It was years before I could use a surgical knife without a shudder, but time dulls all sensations be they grief or pain, so, as the years glided by the memory of that night's horror became more like a dream than an actual experience.

About two years ago I was called to the bedside of a woman who had been convicted of murder and sentenced to the gallows for killing her husband. It looked as though the law was to be deprived of administering the proper punishment, and in spite of judge and jury the poor woman was about to escape and plead her case before a higher tribunal. So I was sent for to prevent the escape if possible, and save her neck for the hangman's noose.

I had read her trial with much interest, and sympathized with the poor woman, goaded to desperation by a brutal husband. I was glad of the opportunity of seeing her, and when called I obeyed with alacrity. I had seen pictures of her in the papers, but they poorly represented the sweet patient face I saw resting upon the coarse pillow in a convict cell. She turned, and gazed at me with her big mournful eyes, and said:

"Don't try to save me, doctor, I have nothing to live for, and it would be easier to die this way, than that other," and she shuddered. I tried to speak words of comfort and cheer, and expressed my sympathy for her. She seemed grateful, and thanked me.

I was about to place my fingers upon her wrist when she drew it away, exclaiming with a bitter laugh:

"You will find no pulse there, doctor that is an artificial hand."

I drew back with a shudder, gazing at the waxy member with fascinated eyes. It was the counterpart of the little white hand hid away on the top shelf of my surgical closet.

"How long ago did you lose it?" I asked, in trembling tones.

"Eight years last March," she answered, sadly.

"How?" I gasped.

"When I was young," she continued, in the same low, sad tone. "I possessed a quick, passionate temper, and one day, taunted to the verge of madness by a jealous husband, I struck him. In revenge he drugged me, hired some accomplices, and had the hand that dared to strike him cut off. It was a fiendish act, and well worthy of him. I left him, and with my child sought my parents' protection. He stole my child and, when I heard how it had died of neglect, crying for mamma, I struck him again. This time I had a knife, so he did not live long enough to have the other hand cut off. I am not sorry I did it, but I would rather pass away peacefully, if you will let me," and she gazed pleadingly into my face.

Here was the solution to the mystery that had haunted me for years. I had been instrumental in carrying out the cruel revenge of a brutal husband. There was one gleam of comfort, she had killed the brute and I was glad of it.

By skillful questioning I obtained the whole sad history of her unhappy life, and at its conclusion I told her of my share in the terrible deed and implored her forgiveness for unconsciously aiding her inhuman husband. She exonerated me from all blame, making me happier than I had been for years.

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Now a new horror assailed me. I had brought her back from the grave; I had saved her life. For what? Death upon the gallows!

I had learned to love her, and she returned my love. Must this be the end? No, a thousand times, no!

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O-ho! You wish that you might go with me to meet the Invaders, do you, little Angel?

"Why, you were afeared at the invasion of a harmless mouse within your chamber, but yester morn!"

"And, what could you do, either? The sight of those waving plumes and scarlet jackets would fright you out of all the spirit there is within your little body, let alone the rattle of sword and bayonet, and the boom and roar of cannon!"

"But, wasta ad now,

Sunshine! Then should you don sword and buckler, 'And off to the wars,' with your old soldier father, in truth, child!"

"But, hie away, sweet, to your spinnet and embroidery frame, as doth best befit you, and think not upon dour war and soldiery!"

"Farewell, now, my Angel, and send up your prayers, prithee, 'till father comes safe and victoriously home again to his little maid!"

So bidding adieu to his devoted daughter, brave old General Schuyler rode away with his men to meet and drive back that great army threatening the invasion of New York, and the other strong places in its vicinity.

Down the steep hill the rebel soldiers clattered, across the bridge and out of sight; and little Angelike stood ruefully watching them until they were gone.

"If only she were a lad!"

That was what her father had said. And he doubted her spirit, and had laughed at her, because she had run from a little mouse.

"I know that I must seem a silly little coward, or father would never have made such sport of me, and he so brave and noble!" she murmured in bitter displeasure with herself.

Then she went slowly back toward the fine old colonial mansion on the heights above the busy city of Albany, where she was born and had always lived.

But what would little sixteen years old Angel have thought, could her bright eyes have pierced the veil of the future, and seen her dear home again and again changed owners, after it had passed from the descendants of her soldier father, until at last it was used for an orphan girls' school?

Her own dainty chamber, where she was every night tucked snugly into her dimity covered and curtained bed with tender, loving mother hands, become remodeled into a dormitory for motherless little ones.

But the loving hands, and Angel's dimpled ones have long been folded at rest. Little Angel went around to the stables to pet her brown pony, 'Patra, trying so to forget her mortification and sorrow.

While she stood stroking 'Patra's glossy mane, as she contentedly ate her sliced carrots, Angel heard:

"Dem Redcoats gwine jes' cum' 'n' tak' 'ses-sion ob eberything!"

"O! Pharo' say his broder, dat am body sargent to dat Tory gin' ral, tole him dat dey all's chucklin' 'bout how's dey'll all fea's 'n' 'n' fodder on ol' mas'r's rich fields, 'n' roas' hull oxes 'n' pigs 'n' mak' a raid on de but'ry 'n' de wine cellar!"

"To tink ob all dem fine fel's ob grain, dat wheat 'n' rye 'n' oats 'n' barley, to be all swooped down on, 'n' trompled un'er foot, to feed dem Redcoats! I 'clar, I jes' can't stan' it nobows!"

"Dat so, dat's so, jes' mak' me wrahy 'clar through!"

"Why don't you cut it, then? Cut and store it, hide it away, instead of standing there talking about it, you lazy fellows!" exclaimed Angelike, with angry, sparkling light in her eyes, that made Caesar cringe, and ejaculate,

"Look jes' lak' ol' mas'r gin'r'l, 'clar!"

"Bress you, Miss 'Gleke!" spoke up old Pomp, "Couldn't do dat, nobows, all dem gret fel's! 'N' sides, mas'r didn't tol' us to, 'n' we darsn't tech it 'till mas'r tol' us to, nobows!"

"When are they coming, Pomp?"

"Deed den, Missy 'Gleke, couldn't tell, nobows! 'Spec' right soon, to-night or to-morrow, less mas'r head 'em off. 'N' he won't, 'ca'se dey's put 'im off de scent, takin' de oder road 'om what dey tol' dat spy."

Angel went up to her room that night a sad little maid.

Would the Redcoats—must they—come and despoil all her beautiful, fair home?

She looked out on the broad table lands, where her father's rich fields of grain were waving and gleaming in the glow of the setting sun.

Long she sat by the open window, breathing the sweet scented air and wondering why there should be cruel war to break up and destroy peaceful and happy homes like hers.

"Yes, war is wicked and I hate it, and I'm only a girl, and a paltry coward at that!" she sighed. "But if I were only father's brave lad, though, I would never make war on the innocent and harmless, yet how I'd battle for those beautiful fields of grain and for our dear home!"

And the last thing before she climbed into her quaint white bed she took a lingering look at those heavy, spreading grain fields of her beloved father, with no one to defend and save them from the enemy.

When she went out the next morning to greet 'Patra, old Pomp rushed up toward her breathless, with the whites only of his eyes showing, bursting forth with "Oh, Missy 'Gleke! Missy 'Gleke!" but could only roll his eyes and beat his poor old hands and head, un-

til Angel sternly bade him behave and tell her what was the matter.

"Deed, little mist'es, whatever you tink?" he gasped fearfully. "Whatever you tink happen dem fel's now! Dem Redcoats jes, done gwine 'n' 'sess 'n' pillage dem fel's, mas'r grain fel's, in de night time, 'n' him plum done gwine to meet 'em, too!"

"Oh, Pomp! Have they come at night and plundered our beautiful fields while we were all asleep! And they didn't come near the house, after all! They couldn't have or we surely must have seen or heard them. But not a sound nor sign of them has there been. How strange. How could they cut and carry off all those great fields of grain and not awaken a single one of us all?"

"Why, Missy 'Gleke, dey didn't nebbur carry dem off—couldn't nobows, 'thout 'wakin' ol' Pomp, sartain! Dey's burned 'em! Jes' gwine 'n' burned all dem gret fel's of mas'r's grain plum' right down to de groun'!"

Strange it may seem, but before leaving her room in the morning, Angel had not once thought of those fields, nor even looked from her window. Now she turned and fairly flew toward them.

And when she saw the dreadful, blackened waste of still smoking and scorched and burning fields, where only yesterday the rich waving grain stood, she looked wildly around and clasping her head in her hands, shrieked:

"Oh, my dream, my horrible dream! It's come true! I did it, I did it! I burned the field's myself, so that the Redcoats might not have them! Oh, oh! I dreamed that I did. I'd forgotten all about it. But I remember now! I got up in the night and set fire to and burned all my father's fields of grain so that the Redcoats couldn't pillage them! Oh, what will father say?"

And then little Angelike fainted entirely away, and old Pomp carried her into the house to her mother.

They found her little night-gown all charred with the coals which she had gathered at the covered fire in the big kitchen fireplace and carried out among the day grain, and which the strong wind had fanned into a quick blaze, that had worked such destruction.

When she had recovered from her faint, her mother pityingly said, "Oh, Angelike, daughter, you've been walking in your sleep again!"

"What will my father say?" was all Angelike's reply.

What the leader of the invading host said when he came and found that those fine fields, which he had hoped himself to see gathered and garnered, had been already reaped by flaming sickle, were words of wrath and sore disappointment.

But when he had heard the story of their strange garnering, he laughed right merrily and called for Angelike, who, perforce and much against her wish and proud spirit, must go at the command and make answer for what she had done.

"I liked not," she bravely replied, when questioned about what she had done, "I liked not that others should unjustly reap what my father had sown and labored for!"

Then she sorrowfully and humbly bent the stately small head, before thrown so proudly back, and sadly and regretfully said:

"And yet I meant not to destroy my father's beautiful fields!"

The Redcoat General looked at her sharply, while she flinched not and added,

"The field's are my father's and you had no right to pillage them!"

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## Men, Women and Things.

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The position of Lord Chief Justice of England is one of great responsibility and distinction. The new chief justice to succeed Lord Russell, Lord Alverstone, has long been considered one of the leaders of the English bar and it was anticipated that he would be offered the great position. The new chief justice is forty-eight years of age. His former title was Sir Richard Everard Webster. His early education was gained at the famous King's College School Charterhouse and at Trinity College Cambridge. He ranked high as a student and his success was predicted while he was still at college. Cambridge early recognized his ability and growing success by giving him the honorary degrees of M. A. and LL. D. In 1862 he was admitted to the bar although he was but twenty years of age. He held minor offices in the court of exchequer. In 1885, he entered the English parliament and in the same year was chosen attorney general. He was twice re-appointed to this position. He has been prominently connected with many important cases and his elevation to the chief justiceship is considered a just tribute to his practical ability as a lawyer and the merit that he has shown in filling lesser positions.

The Empress Dowager of Germany has had rather a sad life even for royalty. Her recent illness showed that she had a real place in the hearts of the people of both Germany and England. Her many graces and virtues have won this kindly feeling in spite of many adverse political influences. Victoria, Princess Royal of England is Queen Victoria's eldest child. In 1858 she married Crown Prince Frederick of Germany. The marriage was a happy one but the German people had an idea that the English princess had too much influence with her husband. Six children were born all of whom are living. The eldest son is Emperor of Germany and the youngest daughter has married Prince Frederick of Hesse. Eighteen grandchildren are living, seven of whom are children of the present Emperor. Victoria ruled as Empress but a few months and those months were full of anxiety as to the health of the Emperor. In 1888 the fatal malady under whose shadow his reign had commenced reached a fatal termination. Many rumors of strained relations between the Emperor and his mother have been heard but to all appearances he has always been a faithful and devoted son.

On January the seventeenth Holland's girl queen will wed. She has announced the fact in the Official Gazette. For three years she has ruled the little kingdom of dykes, windmills and colonial possessions and all the world has smiled kindly at her as the fairy princess of the century. Her Prince Consort is Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. He is twenty-four while the Queen is twenty-one. The young Duke is not very well known outside of court circles of his own duchy. His house is one of the oldest in Europe and traces its descent through twenty-five generations. His full name is Henry Vladimir Albert Ernest. He is a lieutenant of Russian hussar and an officer of one of the line regiments of Mecklenburg. He is quiet and unobtrusive and is said to have many elements of strength in his character. Be it as it may, he has won the affection of the young queen for this royal marriage unlike most is a love match. It was only last year that Queen Wilhelmina met the Duke at Berlin. She had heard much of him through his sister-in-law who is one of the Queen's intimates. It was a case of love at first sight as Queen Wilhelmina refused to attend a dinner when aspirants for her hand were to be presented claiming that she had a cold. Soon after she returned to Holland and after inquiries had developed only favorable reports of the young Duke, Wilhelmina was given the opportunity for further acquaintance. So favorable to Duke Henry was the result that the Prime Minister was called to the summer palace to receive the news of the formal betrothal of his young ruler. The Queen gave

the name of the favored man and said, "When you see him, you will, I am sure, be of opinion that I could not make a better choice whether for myself or my people." So they are to be married and many thousands even in democratic America will say sincerely "May she be happy ever after" for the Girl Queen has won the fancy and affection of a world.

The niece of President McKinley is a teacher in a Connecticut High School. Of her own choice Grace McKinley has planned to work out her own ideals of a self-supporting woman. Miss McKinley is but twenty-one years of age. She is very attractive in appearance with a tall handsome figure, dark brown curly hair and deep blue eyes. Her father was James McKinley brother to the President. He went to San Francisco to make his fortune. He died without having achieved success and his wife soon followed him leaving the little orphan of three years to the care of her grandmother McKinley. A year ago last June the young woman received the degree of B. A. from Mount Holyoke College. Both the President and Mrs. McKinley were present at the Commencement. It is said that they offered to adopt their niece and give her the pleasures and advantages that a residence in the White House afford. Miss Grace spent one winter in Washington but the desire was strong within her to use the education she had gained in a practical way and last September she took a position in a High School. There is a commendable spirit of independence in this choice. It requires more than average devotion to an ideal to forego all that a Washington winter can offer to pursue a line of work in a quiet little New England village.



Field Marshal, Viscount Wolseley, has resigned the place of Commander-in-Chief of the British Navy to Lord Roberts. His active career as a soldier may be considered as finished but his ceaseless self activity will show itself in his cultivation of the many interests that he has found time to develop even in the strenuous life of a soldier. Viscount Wolseley has a many sided nature. Soldiering has been his vocation but his avocations include a knowledge of values of bric-a-brac, a fondness for sketching and a love of literature. He has written some books, among them being an account of the rebellion in China in 1860. He is now engaged in his favorite project of writing a life of England's greatest soldier, Marlborough. This thought has been in his mind for forty years and he expects to visit the scenes of all of Marlborough's battles from Blenheim down, and to compare the tactics employed with the geography of the battlefields. Wolseley's career as a soldier has been a steady course of advancement, won wholly by his own merits. When he was retired from the highest position in the army he could feel that his rank was won almost against court and social influence. General Wolseley comes of a line of soldiers. One of his ancestors served under the soldier statesman, William III, and his own father was a major in the British army. Wolseley saw his first active service in Burmah. He served all through the Crimea, being carried from the field as dead. His first independent command was in Canada, in charge of the Red River expedition. At this time he was but thirty-six years of age. From that time his advance was rapid. He was a Major General at forty; General at fifty, Field Marshal at sixty. The personal side of his character is the element that has made him successful. He has a splendid exuberant vitality that gives him courage and lightheartedness in the face of difficulties that would daunt a man of different temperament. He has a wholesome distaste for mere detail and millinery but a faculty for grasping the essential points of a situation that has led him to success. During the time when he was at the head of the British army he introduced many radical changes and reforms. Time has demonstrated the practical necessity of some of his reforms and the loss to England resulting from a neglect of his advice. This last has been very evident during the Boer war. Viscount Wolseley has two homes where he may spend the leisure that has come at the end of his active

service. At Gleynde, near Lewes, is a charming country home, and an entire wing of Hampton Court has been set aside for his use.

1901 witnesses the retirement of the only man in the navy who ever rose from a gunner's mate to the rank of rear admiral. Captain Nehemiah Mayo Dyer was born in the quaint town of Provincetown in 1839. He was educated in the public schools but the voice of the sea called him and at the age of fourteen he entered the merchant marine. During the Civil War he served a year as a soldier, but in 1862 he was appointed master's mate in the navy. For the daring capture and burning of the Isabel he was made commander of the Glasgow. The end of the war found him with a lieutenant's commission in the regular service. Once during a hurricane in the Pacific he jumped overboard to rescue a sailor. For this brave act he received the medal of the Massachusetts Humane Society and the official commendation of the secretary of the navy. In the battle of Manila, Captain Dyer commanded the Baltimore. A sword was presented to him by the people of the city of Baltimore on his return. Captain Dyer is quiet and unassuming but his magnetic gray eyes show the spirit that has placed him at the top. He is to be retired with the rank of rear admiral but the active service loses one of its most picturesque figures by this retirement.

Edward Strauss with his great orchestra of fifty musicians will be heard in our largest cities during this winter. This is his first visit since 1890 when he visited sixty-one cities of America. Vienna is the foremost musical city of the world and no small part of her fame comes to her through the Strauss family. Johan Strauss, the father of Edward, established the famous orchestra in 1823. His son, Edward, was educated for the consular service and graduated in philosophy. But the love of music was inborn and not to be conquered and in 1862 he became leader of the famous orchestra. For twenty years he has made extended summer tours with his orchestra, and in the last twenty-two years he has visited more than eight hundred cities in the two hemispheres. With his orchestra he has given concerts at fourteen international expositions. Thirty-two different rulers have given him valuable tokens of their regard. He holds the position of imperial and royal court ball music director of Austria-Hungary. He has published over three hundred of his own compositions and two hundred arrangements of operas.

It is seldom that a college course, a training in practical teaching and the call to the head of a famous school and college are all compassed in the brief space of ten years. Such phenomenal success argues a certain culture and fitness preceding all the work. The record of Miss Mary E. Woolley compasses all this achievement. She is the daughter of a Congregational minister and graduated at Wheaton Seminary at Norton, Massachusetts. In 1891 she asked for permission to enter Brown University as a special student of history. A few weeks after this, the Brown University School for Women opened and Miss Woolley was one of the first students. She had a capability for study that became almost genius. She made up the Greek work during the summer, took the regular studies of the sophomore year and the post graduate work in history. She had an active interest in all that pertained to college life and Dr. Andrews predicted that she would find her life work at the head of a woman's college. She once said that one great difference between college men and women was that the girls studied harder while the men thought more. Miss Woolley became instructor in Biblical history at Wellesley College. Her course became very popular and Smith college made her a flattering offer while her old school the Wheaton Seminary called her to its head. She preferred to remain at Wellesley. During this time she was very active in the work of the Rhode Island Women's Committee which raised the money to endow the Brown University for Women. Miss Woolley is tall and slender, a brunette with deep thoughtful brown

eyes. She is domestic in her tastes and prides herself upon her cooking more than she does upon her scholarship. All in all, she seems just the one to preserve the simple wholesome ideals that made Mount Holyoke distinctive, while her ability and scholarly attainment will fit the new and broader life of a college, as Mount Holyoke has become.

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In 1851 England had inaugurated the first successful great World's fair in Crystal Palace in London. The young Queen Victoria and her Prince Consort were the most prominent figures in the world and travel to England had never attained so large a proportion. Among the many events of the year was scheduled the yacht race off Cowes open to yachts of the world, and which promised to attract great attention. The date set was August 22, 1851, and the course set around the Isle of Wight, which was considered unfair to foreigners, for, as the London Times said, it was "notoriously one of the most unfair to strangers that can be selected, inasmuch as the currents and tides render local knowledge of more value than swift sailing or nautical skill."

During the preceding season the enthusiastic gentlemen connected with the New York Yacht Club had several times talked over the possibility of sending an American yacht over to compete with our British cousins in the proposed races, and the project had generally been favorably considered. The commodore of the club, Mr. John C. Stevens, had learned to admire the work of an apprentice in a shipyard, a youth named George Steer. He had designed several local winners and enjoyed in a small way such a reputation as is now given to such designers as Fife and Herreshoff. He was selected to design a schooner-yacht for the purpose suggested and produced the *America*, a schooner 94 feet long and 88 feet on waterline, modeled after a New York pilot boat and having neither foretopmast nor jibboom.

Before going abroad the *America* was sailed against the *Maria*, then the smartest Yankee yacht afloat and considerably beaten: but the winner was looked upon merely as a racing machine and such a thing as sending her abroad was not considered for a moment. According to the *America* sailed for Havre, arriving there early in August 1851, where she immediately fitted out for the Cowes Regatta. She crossed the channel in a dark night and at morn was discovered in the English fleet. Every eye was turned upon the audacious stranger, which presented a great contrast with her great beam and shallow hull to the knife-cutters and yachts which were the pride of Britain.

In those days there was no allowance or measurement; but in a race boats big and little contested. Seventeen boats were entered in this race and fifteen started. At No Man's Land, where the time was first taken, the *America* was the fifth boat. At the Needles she passed and saluted the Royal Yacht with the Queen on board at which time the second boat, the *Aurora*, was many miles astern. To quote a poem of that day:

Yankee Doodle had a craft,  
A rather tidy clipper,  
And he challenged, while they laughed,  
The Britishers to whip her.  
Their whole squadron she outsped,  
And that on their own water;  
Of all the lot she went ahead,  
And they came nowhere after.

Or, as they used to say, "America first; there was no second."

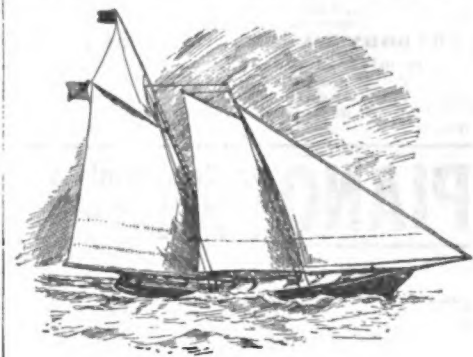
The subsequent history of this yacht is interesting. She was sold to Lord Templeton,



MR. NAT HERRESHOFF.

who cruised in her for a year and then laid her up at Cowes, where she lay dismantled several years. She was bought for a trifle by another Briton, who had her thoroughly repaired and rechristened *Camilla*. Sold to some Confederates in Mobile she became a blockade-runner in our Civil War and known as the *Memphis* was scuttled, after a chase near Florida, to prevent her capture. After the war she was raised and the Government used her for a practice vessel at Annapolis until she was again sold. Since then she has been a cruising yacht of rich men, and at one time was owned by Gen. Benj. F. Butler, to whose family she still belongs.

In the year 1857 the *America's* cup was the property of the surviving owners and they made it over by Deed of Gift to the New York Yacht Club, as a perpetual international challenge cup. The first race here was in 1870 when the *Cambria* came over under Mr. Ashbury as challenger. Some twenty-odd American yachts started in this race which was between the *Cambria* and the *Magie*, which won by some forty minutes. The next year Mr. Ashbury



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again essayed to "lift the cup" with the *Livonia*, a yacht of 264 tons, which was raced against the *Columbia*. Two races were won by the latter; but through an accident to her, the *Livonia* won the third. The *Sappho* won the fourth and fifth races.

In the year 1876 our Canadian cousins challenged for the first time and sent from the Royal Canadian Club the yacht, *Countess Dufferin*, built at Belleville, Ontario. A schooner yacht named the *Madelaine*, built in 1868 and then considered our fleetest yacht was chosen to meet her. The boats were equals in length and sail. In one heat of this race the old *America* sailed by courtesy and beat the *Countess*, which won no race of the three. Undaunted by this, in 1881 the Canadians again sent a yacht named the *Atlanta* to race for the cup. This time the New Yorkers had a series of preliminary

races by the best yachts to determine the defender. By this trial the *Mischief* was nominated. In the succeeding races the *Atlanta* was badly defeated by the *Mischief* and the *Gracie*. In 1885 the crack British cutter, *Genesta*, under Beaver-Webb came over and had a series of races. The yachts *Priscilla*, *Puritan*, *Gracie* and *Bedouine* entered the trial races and the lot of defence fell to the *Puritan* after an exciting series in all sorts of weather. After several flukes decisive races were sailed, one of which was the closest on record. The following year the *Galatea* met the same fate at the hands of the *Mayflower*, a Boston built boat

which did not have near the task that had been cut out for the defender of the previous year.

After this came the *Volunteer-Thistle* races of 1887. The *Volunteer* was built in sixty-six days to meet the Scotch cutter and handsomely defeated her. Lord Dunraven then challenged; but not until 1893 were satisfactory negotiations concluded. Then a series of most unsatisfactory races occurred between the *Vigilant* and the *Valkyrie I*. The British cutter was easily defeated in the series of races by the *Vigilant*; but the next year, the same challenger brought over the cutter *Valkyrie II*. The races were sailed in September, and were won in an unsatisfactory manner by the Yankee yacht. Lord Dunraven's course in this series of races was severely criticised as unsportsmanlike. For the first and only time a challenger returned to England with unpleasant words from this side of the water. The dispute arose from complaints of Lord Dunraven about unfair treatment. Some of his remarks were considered unsportsmanlike and led to much re-creation.

By far the most interesting series of races that have ever been sailed for the cup were the most recent ones in the year 1899, when Sir Thomas Lipton, a wealthy Irishman, known on both sides of the water and who proved himself to be one of the most likeable all around sportsmen ever in America, brought over the *Shamrock*, which was by far the smartest boat ever turned out on the British side of the water. She raced the *Columbia*, which was built by Nat Herreshoff; and notwithstanding the weather which was called regular Shamrock weather, the *Columbia* out-sailed, outfitted and outpointed her Irish rival. The victory had been discounted pretty generally in America, and there was not as much enthusiasm as has been usual. This was largely owing to the better fraternal feeling existing between the two countries; but more especially to Sir Thomas proving a good loser, which is the hardest thing in the athletic world. It is undoubtedly true that a large proportion of Americans would have liked to see him had the satisfaction of carrying back the cup, and will have no ill wishes for the present year.

Sir Thomas has again placed a challenge with the New York Yacht Club to be sailed the coming year. He is so satisfied with the fair treatment which he received, and with the excellent arrangements for keeping the course clear, that he insists on sailing the course around New York Harbor, although many yachtsmen think that better sea and better wind is found off Marblehead or Newport, as the winds are not generally so strong near New York Harbor. This series of races will be sailed early in September, and will be between a new boat being built in England, the *Shamrock II*, and one which is being constructed by a syndicate of New Yorkers as a defender.

The American boat is to be designed by Mr. Nat Herreshoff at his famous yard at Bristol, R. I. A fact which is not generally understood is that Mr. Nat Herreshoff, who is younger than his brother John, comes from a long line of sailors and boat builders. For a number of years they have scientifically studied out the question of swiftness and resistance, until their yachts are famous in any class for their speed and wave resistance. He is a tall, thin man, with a red beard and stoop, and a very thoughtful face, seldom showing his real feelings. His boats have had the most uniform success since the death of Burgess in Boston, who at that time was the most successful builder in the world. The line of boats which he has constructed is very large, and in their various lines have always stood at the head.

The most remarkable fact about Mr. Herreshoff is that, in a business requiring the greatest judgment, he is blind, and constructs all the details both of planning and figuring without being able to see a single line or figure. The most perplexing calculations in figures are necessary in getting right deductions in this line of work; but Mr. Herreshoff is so gifted that he carries whole tables in his head, and never makes mistakes such as occur in the ordinary calculations on paper. He declares that the boat he builds will be fully twenty minutes faster than the *Columbia* meaning a gain of a minute on every mile, or even more. On the contrary, it is said on the other side that the new *Shamrock* is to be at least ten minutes faster than the old one.

Sir Thomas Lipton, a perfect gentleman in all his dealings, has been successful in everything that he has ever undertaken with this one exception, and says he shall not rest, costly as the trial is, until he has succeeded in carrying away America's cup. There is sure to be plenty of preliminary racing, as the Prince of Wales is to build a racer to compete with the *Shamrock* and if victor, to take her place for Sir Thomas; while on our own side it seems quite certain that at least four boats will enter the preliminaries, two of them being new, the



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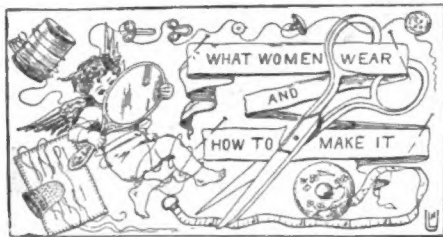
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temporaries are most concerned in the propagation of Directoire fashions; they are leading us up gently, it is true, but nevertheless most firmly, to this artistic consummation by the aid of broad sashes, princess gowns, entablure, etc., the intention being that these shall resolve themselves eventually into the conventional long coat-tails of the period. And the Directoire jupe of that hour, it may be remarked was invariably full into the waist.

Underwear invariably follows the most characteristic fashion of the moment, and we now have Directoire combination petticoats, chemises and nightgowns, provided with very wide collars and full skirts attached to lace trimmed yokes fitted to the figure. For silk petticoats the best foundations are of jersey or nun's veiling, both of which are clinging, and to which are added the bouffant flounces below the knees.

Shirred and corded black taffeta hats are the cry and are simply charming with their fluffy bow across the front and handsome buckle for ornament. For dressy occasions a big silk rose of any color desired may be placed on the crown, completely covering it, and the brim softened with tulle.

Velvet-covered bands arranged to fit the head wherever desired are a necessity with most of the new hats in order to give them the proper tilt off the face now that the highest order of pompadour is fast giving way to the more natural style of hair-dressing. Artificial crimps and waves are absolutely out of vogue. A careless effect is sought for with the hair gathered in a loose, fluffy knot at any point above the nape of the neck most becoming to the wearer. The front locks are brushed back softly allowing a few tendrils to break the line above the forehead.

Among the many charming new neck fixings shown in the shops and seen upon our best dressed women are bows of chenille, falling in long, soft ends

quite to the hem of the gown. The foundation of the bow may be of silk, mousseline de soie or marabout feathers; in the two former cases chenille is applied to all the edges, and arranged in a cluster of long loops and ends on either side. These bows are in black or white, or in a mixture of the two. A fascinating affair of this sort had a tremendously full ruching of white tulle, with long ends of chenille.

Gray feather bows have blossomed out here suddenly and seem to be quite the rage though they are an old song in Paris. Very beautiful as well as very costly are the bows and pelerines made of marabout feathers sewed on to a net, many of them having soft, tiny plumes as a finish which largely increase their value.

Panne velvet is being employed by fashionable modistes for the large flowers now considered so chic on filmy evening gowns. A cluster of poppies, huge in size, and varying in color from a most vivid scarlet to a delicious salmon pink gives the most pleasing touch of finish to a gown of white gauze encrusted with yellow laces.

The newest pins are very long and very much bejeweled and are often employed as a means for holding the back hair in place when winds are unruly. The fashion of wearing pins at the back of the hair set with costly gems is a very silly one and is not likely to be followed by sensible women.

We may congratulate ourselves upon the popular use of velvet as facings for collars, revers, etc., and in all positions close to the face. The soft shadow cast has the most becoming effect upon the skin, and there is nothing which dissipates the effect of wrinkles around the chin, the earliest evidence of oncoming middle life, more than the wearing of velvet close to the throat.

Now that so many ready-made braids are sold for making lace it is quite possible to be your own lace maker if you have deft fingers. Besides the braids, you can get very clear patterns so that if you have only the smallest glimmering of the way in which the stitches are done you can manage quite an elaborate piece. Lace is so much worn now that one feels quite left out if one does not possess any, and the cost is really very small if you make it yourself. Do you happen to possess any old embroidered muslins that belonged to some aunt or grand-mother? If so, this is just the time to hunt them up. Odd pieces can be made into the most charming collars and look far better than any of the ready-made ones. I saw an old embroidered sleeve, that had graced a courtly dame in the days when leg-of-mutton sleeves were in vogue, made into a dainty collar, and the fact that the designer had cut her coat according to her cloth, not following any recognized pattern, but added to its value and made it quite uncommon.

The latest thing in microbe scares comes from Rome. A scientific congress, sitting in that city, has decided that the trailing skirts worn by women are traps to catch diseases and death in the form of microbes and bacilli. The fact was demonstrated by Dr. Casagrandi, who showed to what dangers the world is subjected by the fashion which decrees that women's skirts must trail in the dust. Dr. Casagrandi engaged three young women to go out into the streets and give the trail of their skirts full play. When they returned the savant took the vestments to his laboratory and submitted them to a microscopic examination. On each skirt he discovered whole regiments of microbes and bacilli.

The universal use of white kid gloves is falling into disfavor, to be superseded by yellow gloves. They are quite popular already among the women who are careful to catch up new things and are quite the thing for street wear as well as for all manner of functions where white ones have formally reigned. However, there is something a trifle too pronounced about the color to seem really suitable except for the more dressy occasions, and they lack the note of harmony the modest white glove always supplies.

This is certainly a season for velveteen and corduroy. Some of them are tailor-made and others lavishly braided and trimmed with fur, giving them all the effect of the richest velvet. Fichus a la Marie Antoinette and a la Pompadour are very much in favor, and quite the hall-mark of smartness on house gowns. The draping can be arranged to suit the figure, and may be relied upon to give the broad effect across the shoulders so necessary to the present mode. The fine cream-tinted batiste hand-embroidered makes the very daintiest fichus.

Painted quills have by no means exhausted their decorative virtues. They are wondrously treated with applications of velvet and lace, and are painted most ingeniously. On a toque of scarlet velvet I saw a quill applied with padded red cherries, the leaves and stalks painted in. Another toque of pale blue had a cluster of narrower quills carried round one side, the upper edges only bound narrow with black velvet and some black velvet roses at the other.

Hats of stitched taffeta are still pursuing the even tenor of their way and provide plenty of scope for variety. The secret of success in wearing flannel nightgowns lies in putting them on over a white one; and, for this purpose a Kimona model is better than any other because of its loose proportions. It is wise to choose pale colors harmonizing with white, and then if the facing down the front, on the big sleeves and the collar are of white the effect is wholly satisfactory. This style is easily made; everything depending upon a good fitting yoke. The skirt requires four straight widths simply hemmed, two in back, two for fronts, and are sloped up so as to give only a moderate fullness when gathered into the yoke. Very pretty ones have as a finish along the edges large scallops embroidered in heavy wash cottons of the same shade. A binding of ribbon is also a dainty finish; but all this is a matter of preference, the main idea being the comfort gained by wearing the cotton gown underneath.

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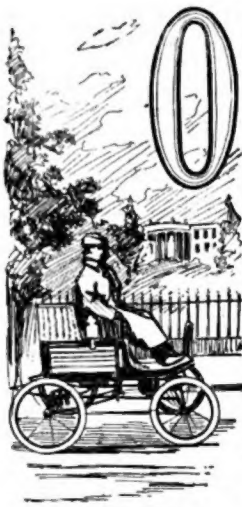






## A Long Automobile Trip.

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OUT of the two millions or more readers of COMFORT, I fancy not many have taken the trip from New York, the greatest city in the land, to Washington, its capital, and back again by automobile, the coming vehicle of the new times. Indeed, I am sure that not a great number have done so, because out of all the seventy-seven millions of people in the United States only four have gone the round. These are Mr. George I. Scott, of New York, Captain Frank P. Avery of the army, Dr. W. H. Stemmerman of Passaic, N. J., and the writer. Mr. Edward Weston of Washington has made the trip one way.

It is of the run made in October by Dr. Stemmerman and the writer that I wish to tell COMFORT readers, and wish at the same time that so pleasant and interesting a journey may fall to their lot some day. It will not come to all of them, of course, just as it has not come to all to make the trip by railway, which is now the old-fashioned and long established method of travel, but for the few of us who have gone over the road now, there will be thousands, for the automobile has come to stay and in a few years it will be commoner than horses and buggies now are, because it will cost less and get there so much quicker.

We left Passaic, a New Jersey suburb of New York, one bright October morning at half past ten o'clock, with only just enough baggage hooked on behind to do us for the trip, and headed for Washington, two hundred and fifty miles away, like a pair of sailors on an unknown sea, for the two persons who had preceded us had left no maps to go by. New Jersey roads are fine, something that adds very materially to comfortable automobiling, and we flew along all the morning, stopping only to get water for our boiler at a farmhouse by the way. The reader will understand that our auto was a steam wagon, carrying twenty-one gallons of water, which on good roads will supply the boiler for twenty miles, and we carried six gallons of gasoline for fuel, which is supposed to last for sixty miles or more, according to the drafts made on it by the roads. You will see therefore, that an automobile must be watered as often as a horse, though it drinks more, and it must have its feeding of gasoline every five or six hours, according to the speed it is run. Water costs nothing but gasoline is worth at least fifteen cents a gallon, so that feed is no small item of expense.

We were riding entirely for pleasure and so we jogged along at about ten miles an hour, admiring the beautiful country we were passing through, taking an hour off for dinner and stopping at night in Princeton, N. J., the home of Princeton College and ex-President Cleveland. We had made fifty-one miles for our first day's run and were quite satisfied. The next day we passed through Trenton, the capital of New Jersey, and here crossed the Delaware river into Pennsylvania, where before we had gone half a mile we came upon a sandy road, and for twenty miles or more it was not as much delight to automobile as it had been in New Jersey. We had to pay toll, too, as bad as the road was, and we were charged as a two-horse vehicle, though the sharpest-eyed toll-gate keeper could not find a horse anywhere on our premises. You see the automobile is so new that its real place has not yet been found. We reached Philadelphia in plenty of time to have gone on a dozen or more miles, but a rain came on suddenly and we went under cover for the night. Rain makes mud and mud is something no automobilist cares to meet. Hard, hilly roads the auto can get over without great difficulty, but muddy roads and sandy ones are what it is most afraid of.

Leaving Philadelphia by fairly good roads, we came to Chester in Pennsylvania and Wilmington in Delaware, in both of which cities we were chased through the streets by crowds of school children as if they had never seen such a thing as an automobile, and I presume some of them never had. It was the great de-



light of the boys to race with it, but we soon ran away from them and they dropped behind us much astonished at our speed. Shortly after leaving Wilmington we came into the region of less population and travel and the roads became almost bad in places. The horses, too, that we met began to show more signs of dislike to the strange wagon among them, and we had to stop frequently to let teams go by. The people along the way were also quite curious, and they ran out of their houses or stopped at their work in the fields to watch us as we went flying along. Sometimes we were stopped by the more curious who wanted to see what kind of a machine we had anyhow. At five o'clock in the evening we had reached Elkton, a pretty

little town in Maryland, and here we were met by most of the colored population who gathered about us ten rows deep when we stopped in front of the hotel. We were up early next morning because we had learned that the road beyond for ten miles was very bad, and we wanted to get through with it as early as possible. It was even worse than we had been told and twice the hills were so sandy one of us had to get out and walk. But not for any long distance, and getting over it at last we went on a good stretch and fairly flew into Perryville, on the Susquehanna, where we crossed the river on a flat car of the Pennsylvania road and hurried on to Baltimore. But our hurry did not last long for our pump began to refuse to work, and after bothering with it for three or four miles, we hailed a teamster and had him tow us into Aberdeen, and this is one of the things an automobilist hates worse than anything else. We did not get away from Aberdeen until next morning about eight o'clock with seventy miles before us to Washington, and how we did get along the pike to Baltimore. An hour and a half in Maryland's chief city and we left for the National Capital, understanding that we were to have a pretty good road, as Mr. Weston had made the distance from Washington, about forty miles, in two hours and twenty minutes. But we did not make it in that time owing to the fact that the worst road we had yet come over was the one we took, and both of us had to get out and push while the auto used all its power to pull itself out of the level sand bed called a highway. But perseverance and elbow grease overcame a world of difficulties and we got onto hard ground once more, and at half past five we were before the great dome of the capitol at Washington, half of our undertaking accomplished and both of us feeling as well as could be expected under the circumstances. We had traveled two hundred and seventy miles from Monday morning to Saturday evening, and had averaged about ten miles an hour for our running time. Not equal to the locomotive quite, but considerably better than our natural competitor, the horse, could possibly have done.

On Sunday morning we went by auto over into Virginia to see the National Cemetery at Arlington, where nearly twenty thousand dead soldiers are buried, and then after a spin about all the public buildings in the city we started away on our return. To avoid the bad road to Baltimore we went by way of Frederick, Md., once the home of Barbara Frietchie and of Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star Spangled Banner," both of whom are now buried there, and just out of Washington on a fine piece of down grade road we made our best time, getting over the ground for a short distance at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. But such a speed is not pleasant, for the wind is a gale and all kinds of specks and bugs floating in the air get into the eyes or strike one in the face like pinpoints; but five miles from Frederick our pump went bad again, and that last five miles dragged along slowly enough, but we made it without having to be towed and there was a good deal of consolation in that. At Frederick we stayed two days for repairs and because one day (Col. Bryan was there that day also,) it rained steadily all day. The next morning we were off in good time, and over a good pike through a country as fair as Canaan, we ran to Emmitsburg in Maryland, where we took dinner. Along this road ours was the first automobile to have come and we created as much of a sensation as a circus, although before the astonished people could realize what we were we had flown out of sight up the road. Not long after leaving Emmitsburg for Gettysburg we passed out of Maryland into Pennsylvania, and for ten miles we had a stretch of rough road that would make the mildest tempered driver of a team of mules swear. To add to our discomfort we ran out of gasoline, and once more had to get a tow in order to reach Gettysburg. It was early yet, and as soon as we had our fuel aboard we set to ride over the greatest battlefield of the war between the states. The government has laid out all over it fine avenues as smooth as the floor and it was worth all our trouble to fly over these beautiful stretches of road. It was strange, too, to ride over this field in an auto, because when the battle was fought such a vehicle as ours was not in existence.

Leaving Gettysburg next day at noon, we ran on to York, Pa., through a country lovely to look at and to be in, meeting with a punctured tire on the trip. We made it up next day, however, by the longest one, seventy-seven miles, stopping for the night in one of the suburban towns of Philadelphia. By noon, for the roads are almost perfect about Philadelphia, we had gone into the big town, staid an hour and a half and were out again on our way to Trenton, over that same piece of sandy road which had not become any better during our absence. That night we were in Princeton, where we had spent our first night out, and we began to feel as if we were not only getting home again, but were glad of it. Not that everything wasn't as lovely as it could be, but human beings are likely to tire of even the best of things. We had an early start from Princeton on Sunday morning, the weather being muggy and not agreeable, but we had got used to weather, and we went tripping along as light as a fairy, making ten miles an hour on the worst road, and fifteen over the best, and we landed in Passaic at just one o'clock having made the run of fifty-one miles in about four hours, two hours better than we made on our trip out, though we did not stop coming back to dinner.

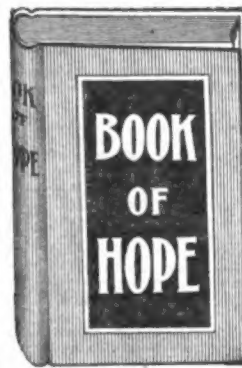
At the end we stepped from our vehicle, which had made six hundred and eleven miles since its departure, not any the worse for the wear, though the Doctor was a little gladder to be home than I was, for he had been running his own machine all the way, and it is no small job to do that over all kinds of roads. In fact there is no kind of locomotive more trying on the nerves than is automobiling to the man in charge. The Doctor was extremely careful, and that he had made the run without accident was the best proof of his devotion to duty.

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"Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof." The end of the year and the end of the century give a chance to test the proverb. Let us be optimistic enough to hope that the progress of the New Year and the new century may tend to prove it a truesaying.

It is claimed that among some state documents unearthed at Pekin papers have been found which prove the Chinese to have been the discoverers of America. The students of the pre-historic period of American history have entertained the idea that the early inhabitants of America came by way of Behring Strait. The evidences of an advanced civilization among the dwellers in Mexico, Central and South America bear out this theory. Much that is obscure, much reasoning or guess work as to the early inhabitants would be explained by the fact of Chinese discovery. It was current opinion at the time of the Spanish-American war that Spain had made her greatest mistake when she discovered America. China can hardly be reproved for her enterprise in that manner for present indications show that the United States is likely to be her best friend.

Mark Twain's recent bout with a New York "cabby" drew from the humorist the statement that Americans were too careless of their own rights. He claimed that it was not only the right and privilege of American citizens to "kick" but also their duty. A New Year Resolution. "Mem. To kick when kicking is a public virtue." Now that is a general proposition which will fill the year full of excitement. The idea that public good may be increased at the sacrifice of private peace has the merit of truth but the busy down trodden American has counted the physical wear and tear and exhaustion of nervous energy necessary to accomplish minor reform and has concluded that the game was not worth the candle. So he pays robber cab rates, high taxes, poor service and high tips. He gives up his money and often his comfort because after all it is easier than to fight for his rights. But in the lively way that Mark Twain states it he is not living up to the idea of a good citizen. There are plenty of windmills in the world and the Don Quixotes of the noble army of kickers will find them all whirling if they make the New Year Resolution "To kick when kicking is a public virtue."

The discussion over the commencement of a new century seemed to exhaust itself last year. Nineteen hundred passed without a protest as to whether it was the end of the old century or the beginning of the new. As far as church authority can settle disputes, the matter has been settled, for at midnight on the thirty-first of December the Pope celebrated high mass for the close of the century. The century opened with the gigantic political upheaval of the French Revolution. All Europe was shaken by the outbreak of democratic ideas and slowly but surely during the century the political ideas have changed until absolute rule is an outgrown theory in government. One hundred years ago the monarchical governments of Europe were trembling before the advance of the French armies and the consequent breaking down of the old ideas of government. The new century begins with the allied forces of Europe arrayed against the oldest representa-

tive of absolute rule—China. The end of the old—the beginning of the new suggest scores of comparisons along the lines of political, social and economic changes. The broad outlook whether it be towards the future or the past has steady effect upon humanity. Such a great dividing line as the passing from one century to another emphasizes the idea of the pause to look over the past in order to improve the future.

A new republic calling itself Acre is seeking recognition from the United States. It has sent its first minister to the United States. The Republic of Acre is in the forest land of Brazil and consists of a community of about 20,000 souls engaged in the rubber industry. It has been founded by a rich Brazilian rubber merchant. The territory of the new republic lies partly within Brazil and partly in Bolivia. Both nations have resisted the effort of Acre to establish its independence but without success. Its representative claims that it is as firmly established as any South American republic and more firmly than many of the Latin American states as Acre is an Anglo-Saxon community. The spirit of the little community recalls two like incidents in American history. Vermont was claimed by both New York and New Hampshire. During the troubled period from 1781 to 1789 it maintained an independent government. Its delegates were not seated in the congress of the Confederation and as it refused to submit to the laws or claims of New York or New Hampshire it was a tiny republic governed by its own constitution. Three counties of North Carolina also organized themselves as the State of Franklin and under that name sent a delegate to ask for recognition from Congress. The Republic of Acre need not lack historical precedence as to its size and desire for liberty.

The "short session" of Congress that convened in December faced some of the most important problems ever presented to Congress. A reduction of the Stamp tax is promised. Our new Colonial possessions and the phenomenal growth of the trade and commerce of the United States indicate the pressing and paramount importance of two measures that must be determined by this Congress, i. e., the Isthmian Canal and the Marine Subsidy Bill. Our business interests now imperatively demand a short route from our great Eastern cities to the Philippines. It is not now a theory about possible trade with the Orient but an actual condition, whose problems are best solved by a canal across the Isthmus and a canal owned and controlled by the United States. When the nineteenth century was young the United States was the great carrying nation of the world. When the Embargo Act, the Force Act and the Non Intercourse Act aroused the wrath of New England, all the business interest of that section lay in its ships. We were a trading nation and not a manufacturing nation. One by one the Colonial powers began to enforce laws similar to the old Navigation Laws of England, and insisted that these colonies should ship goods only in the ships sailing under the national flag. The final blow to our carrying business came during the War of 1812, when Great Britain attempted to enforce the "Rule of 1756" and said that a nation which did not permit a foreign ship to carry goods from a colony to the mother country in time of peace could not be allowed to accept such service in time of war, even though the neutral ship carried neutral goods. The War of 1812 showed how rapidly we were growing able to dispute England's right to the proud title of Mistress of the Seas. In spite of that fact the American Navy and Merchant Marine has steadily declined. We have made phenomenal progress in the manufacture of goods to send, while we have steadily decreased in the ability to carry our own products in American ships. Other nations have shown a generous spirit towards ship builders and have given subsidies to encourage ship building. Now that our colonies are distant thousands of miles we must either send American goods in American ships or allow other nations to reap the benefit of our short-sighted policy. The industrial prosperity of our nation rests largely upon the fate of these two important bills.

The American Historical Association closed its sixteenth annual meeting at Detroit on the last of December. The American Economic Association held joint sessions with the Historical Association. The meeting continued from Thursday to Saturday and much that is of permanent and practical value was discussed. The places of meeting were alternately at the University of Michigan at Ann Harbor and in Detroit. These two societies are essentially learned bodies, their membership comprising the greatest scholars and students of the country along these lines of work. A portion of their work is therefore of general interest only to students or specialists. A list of the more important committees will illustrate the special field of the Historical Association. The committees include Historical Manuscript to Commission, Committee on Justice Winsor prize which is given to the best original work of the year, Board of Editors of American Historical Review, Bibliographical Committee, Public Archives Commission, Committee on Unifying of the Public Repositories at Washington. The greatest importance of this work to the plain average citizen is the fact of bringing expert and trained specialists to the discussion of questions that are vital to the nation's well being. There was a time when the college professor and the learned student were considered to be too far removed from practical affairs to have any practical grasp upon matters of every day national life. We are getting over this idea as the nation outgrows its childhood and reaches a portion where its problems of government can not be solved without an accurate knowledge of the intricate affairs involved. Men of prominence in special lines of historical and economic study are called to assist the government. Our recent Commissions like the Venezuela Commission and the Commission to the Philippines include prominent college men. The practical man of affairs realizes that he must act in the light that special knowledge will throw upon conditions. Many of the papers read by specialists illumine topics that are of general political interest. A brief glance at the program shows these topics: French and English Experiments with Representative Government in the West Indies. The Turning Point in the History of British Administrations in India, The Finances of Puerto Rico, Our Puerto

Rican Policy, The First Movement towards Expansion, The Breakdown of the Old Colonial System in Canada and British Rule in Canada. Each subject is given by a man of special strength on that individual topic. The list will draw out a discussion of most of the difficult problems connected with our present position as a colonial nation. No more important contributions towards the solving of the difficulties of administration could be given. For that reason the meeting and work of the Historical Association has a vital interest to all Americans.

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Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;

Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod; . . . We are not di - vid - ed,

All one bod - y we, One in hope and doc - trine, . . . One in char - i - ty.

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## The Christian Endeavorers.

One of the largest bodies of workers affiliated with the Protestant church is the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, which formidable name is shortened in common usage to Christian Endeavorers. The order was first started by the President, Rev. Frances E. Clark, a Baptist minister, at Portland, Maine, February 2, 1881, for the purpose of training a number of young people to the duties of church membership. Each society is in some Protestant church of Congregationalist, Baptist or Presbyterian denomination and is in no sense outside the local body. It is simply intended to make young people loyal and enthusiastic members of those bodies. At the present time

there is a strong undercurrent of opinion that these societies are becoming more active than the church body, and some feeling is manifested as to the ultimate tendency of the societies to encroach on the prerogatives of the churches. Exact figures are not obtainable at present in this growing society, but a year ago the returns showed there were 56,280 of these societies organized with a membership of 3,376,800, chiefly in the United States, Canada, Australia, Great Britain and the countries of the far East. There were then 42,490 societies in the United States and 3,526 in Canada. The last general convention was in London last July and was largely attended from America. The above march is published by the request of a great number of Endeavorers who have heard it on both sides of the water, and who wish to have a copy for preservation. COMFORT believes

this piece first appeared at the time of the general convention in Boston, which we think was held in 1895.

## Commencing a New Century.

About a year ago papers were filled with articles on the commencement of the new century. Many agreed that the XX century commenced with 1900; but generally people settled to the opinion that as you do not have a dollar until you have a hundred complete cents, and, that, consequently, your second dollar does not commence until the one hundred and first cent, the centuries were the same. The nineteenth century, then, is now a thing of the past and we are crossing the threshold of the new one.

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**M**ANY requests having come to us for further particulars regarding successful plant growing in the home, we give directions for bulbous flower-raising—this being particularly appropriate at this time of year.

A comparatively new comer in the bulb family is the freesia. It has so much beauty and is so easy to cultivate and so sure to bloom that I place it first on the long list of bulbs adapted to house culture. The bulbs are so small that as many as half a dozen bulbs should be placed in a five-inch pot. As to soil, that composed of one half good loam and the other half of leaf-mold, sand and rotted manure will give you the best soil for the freesia. The bulbs can be potted any time from August to October, but early potting is desirable for several reasons. Set the bulbs deep enough in the pot to have their sharp-pointed tips covered about a quarter of an inch. Press the soil down quite firmly around the bulbs, water thoroughly and set them away in a dark place for the roots to form and leaves to push their way up through the soil. Some flower growers do not put the freesia bulbs away in the dark but set them in a shaded place in the window garden, but those who have tried both methods think that they get better results when the bulbs have formed their roots and sent out their leaf tips in the dark. The freesia likes a good deal of water and a low temperature. If possible keep it where the temperature does not rise above sixty-five. Its flowers come in long and extremely graceful spikes. They have delicious fragrance, and they remain in bloom for nearly a week. A single pot of freesias will give a delightful fragrance to a large room. Never allow the soil in the pots to become dry. The freesia must have plenty of moisture or it will be a failure.

The Hyacinth is a bulb that must be set away in the dark for the roots to form, and the first sharp points of green to show through the soil. They will not bloom if they are not given this preparatory treatment. The soil used for freesias will also do for the hyacinth, but not more than one large bulb should be put in a five or six-inch pot. One sometimes sees the hyacinth growing and blooming in water, but this method of cultivation is not recommended as best for the amateur. You will be far more certain to succeed if you grow the bulbs in soil. Roman hyacinths are just the thing for a window garden. They send up several spikes of flowers from each bulb and their fragrance is more delicate than that of the other hyacinths. They come in to bloom so rapidly that bulbs potted in September or October ought to give one flowers for Christmas. The Roman hyacinths, like their Dutch cousins, come in all tints and colors. They bloom freely and are sure to give satisfaction.

A bulb not in very general cultivation is the Ornithogalum arabicum. Its culture is exactly like that of the hyacinth. Three bulbs can be placed in a six-inch pot. From each bulb there should come a long, slender stem sometimes twenty inches in length surmounted by a great cluster of milk-white flowers each having a jet-black center. This very striking flower remains in bloom longer than any bulbous plant of which I have knowledge, particularly if the plant is kept in a cool room. It must be confessed that the Ornithogalum is a little uncertain about blooming, but if one pots five or six bulbs one can reasonably expect some of them to bloom, and a single cluster of this striking flower repays one for the loss of four or five bulbs that fail to do their duty.

The Chinese Lily is a bulb of such common and simple growth that it is hardly necessary to give directions for its culture. Some of my readers, however, may not know that all that is needed for the cultivation of this lily is a dish containing an inch or two of pebbles. Place the bulbs on the pebbles, put other pebbles around them to support them, keep the dish filled with water and the bulbs will start into immediate and rapid growth. One can start these bulbs into growth at any time. Their yellow and white flowers are very pretty but their odor is not very agreeable.

The Giant White Narcissus is another bulb that can be grown in water just as one grows the Chinese lily, or the bulbs may be potted in soil. The writer tried a dozen bulbs each way last year, and the results were precisely the same with the exception of the fact that the bulbs potted in soil were stockier and the flowers remained in bloom longer than the flowers of those grown in water.

I am sure that more Easter lilies would be grown in our homes if all who so admire this beautiful flower only knew how easily it might

be cultivated. There are those who think that it cannot be grown outside of a greenhouse, but one of the finest Easter lilies I ever saw was grown by an old lady in her kitchen. If you wish a succession of these flowers pot the bulbs to begin with. If the bulbs are light and spongy they are not in good condition. Get bulbs that are heavy and solid. Avoid the bargain counters of department stores when you are buying bulbs. It is far safer to buy of regular and reliable dealers. Put one large bulb in a deep eight or nine-inch pot. Put the bulb far enough down in the pot so that it can be covered out of sight and two or three inches of soil added as the stem shoots up. This is necessary for the support of the plant. Be sure and set the pot away in the dark to form roots. The Easter lily requires a rich soil. It is also imperative that the pot have good drainage, and about two inches of broken crockery should be placed in the bottom of the pot to secure this necessary drainage. Liquid manure should be given when the buds begin to appear. Keep in a low temperature, and there is no reason why you should not have perfect success with this flower.

It is possible to grow tulips in the house, but the chances of success are less than with other bulbs, and I should advise the amateur to let the tulip alone. It is difficult to secure for it the degree of moisture in the atmosphere that it requires to bring it to perfection.

Jonquils and the crocus can be grown without any trouble. They should be given the same treatment given the hyacinth. The calla lily is an easily grown plant, one of its imperative requisites being an unflinching abundance of water. Three bulbs of the calla can be put into a ten-inch pot, and it is more satisfactory to pot three bulbs together than it is to pot the bulbs singly. Like the Easter lily the calla is a high feeder, and it should have very rich soil with the addition of liquid manure during the blooming season. A lover of the calla who has the finest plants and flowers I have ever seen says that she gives her callas a drink of very warm water every morning. It is her belief, resulting from long experience, that the calla sends out more and finer flowers when watered with hot water. Of course the water is not hot enough to injure the roots. She is careful to tell her friends that if they begin watering their callas with hot water they must keep it up. It will not do to use hot water one morning and cold water the next. The hot water also has a tendency to make the plants quite tender, and they must not be allowed to suffer great changes in temperature. It is best to keep them in a room in which the temperature does not fall below 40 at night. It is useless to try to force the spotted calla to bloom in the winter time. The Little Gem is a charming dwarf calla.

The scarlet Mexican lily is still something of a novelty, but it is certain to be widely cultivated as its merits become known. It can be grown in water exactly as the Chinese sacred lily is grown. It has very large and velvety scarlet flowers and is far more striking than the Chinese lily.

The fall of the year is the time for planting bulbs in the garden, and most of them should be tucked away in their winter beds by the first of November.

Hyacinths should be planted at least eight inches from the top of the soil. Lilies also require deep planting, and it is best to give them a southern exposure if possible. Tulips do not require such deep planting but they should be placed at least five or six inches under the soil. There is no grander or more beautiful lily for the garden than Liliun auratum. It is a flower that amateurs stand somewhat in awe of, having the impression that only the professional gardener or florist can succeed with it, but this is a mistake. The best bulbs are a little expensive, but once properly planted you may have them for years. Plant the bulb at least ten inches deep, putting under it perhaps a quart of charcoal or broken crockery for drainage. Give the ground a layer of straw with a board on top of it for protection by the first of December.

Our illustration is of a Quaker pincushion. It is a sweet-faced doll, which is built into a conical-shaped bran cushion stuffed very hard, and having for the bottom a circle of heavy pasteboard. The gown is made of soft gray silk, likewise the bonnet, while the apron and kerchief are of white muslin. It stands about five inches in height.



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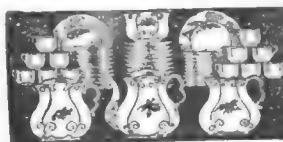
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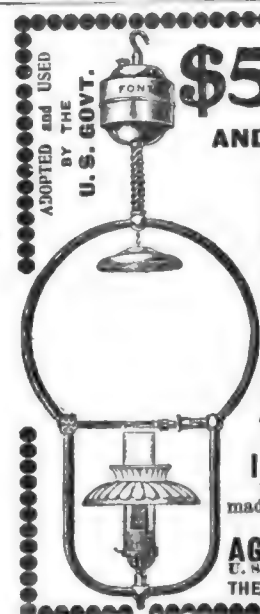
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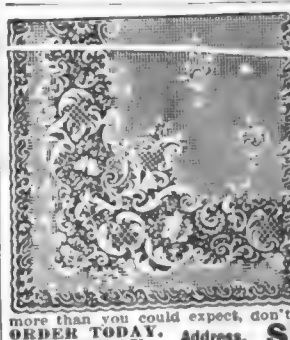
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## HEALTH FOOD BREAD.

Mix one-half cup brown sugar and one and one-half teaspoons salt; add enough hot water to dissolve them and then add two and one-half cups Wheatena mush. When lukewarm add one-fourth yeast cake dissolved in one-half cup warm water and enough flour to knead having the mixture quite stiff. Cover and let rise, shape in loaves, let rise again and bake in a hot oven from fifteen minutes to one hour.

## BUTTER CAKES.

Mix two cups of flour, one-half teaspoon each of salt and soda, and sift twice. Moisten to a dough with buttermilk. Cover and let stand over night or four or five hours will answer. Toss on a floured board, roll out and shape with a biscuit cutter; cook slowly on a griddle until slightly browned, then turn and cook on the other side. Be sure they are thoroughly cooked before taking from the griddle. Split and butter.

Our other illustration is of rolls made as nearly as possible like a four-leaved clover. For the mixture scald two cups milk, add three tablespoons butter, two tablespoons sugar and one teaspoon salt. When lukewarm add one yeast cake dissolved in one-fourth cup warm water and three cups flour. Beat thoroughly, cover and let rise. Cut down and add enough flour to knead. Again let rise, toss on a floured board, knead slightly and shape; let rise in pans and bake in a hot oven fifteen to twenty minutes.

Place buttered muffin rings in a flat buttered pan. Make small biscuit of the dough by rolling in the hands like a marble. Place four of the little balls in each ring, placing no butter between. When baked they will run together in the middle sufficiently to hold them together, and the outer edges will be curved like the leaves.

The mixture is also used for Parker House rolls, salad rolls, oyster rolls and for braids or fancy shapes so often seen.

An odd and very nice little biscuit is made

## CONSOMME SOUP.

Three pounds beef, poorer part of round; one pound marrow bone; three knuckles

veal; one quart chicken stock; one-third cup each of carrot, turnip and celery, cut in dice; one-third cup sliced onion; two tablespoons butter, one tablespoon salt, one teaspoon peppercorns, four cloves, three sprigs thyme, one sprig marjoram, two sprigs parsley, one-half bay leaf.

Cut the beef into small cubes and brown one-half in some of the marrow from the marrow-bones; put the remaining half in a kettle of cold water, add the veal cut in pieces, the browned meat and the bones. Let stand one-half hour. Heat slowly to the boiling point and let simmer three hours, removing scum as it forms on top of kettle. Add one quart of liquor in which a fowl was cooked and simmer two hours. Cook carrot, turnip, onion and celery in butter five minutes; add to soup with remaining seasonings. Cook an hour and a half, strain, cool, remove fat and clear with white of egg.

## FISH A LA CREME.

Two cups cold flaked fish, one cup white sauce, bit of bay leaf, sprig of parsley, one-half slice onion, salt and pepper, one-half cup cracker crumbs.

Scald the milk, for the making of the white sauce, with bay leaf, parsley and onion. Cover the bottom of a small buttered platter with one-half of the fish, sprinkle with salt and pepper and pour over one half of the sauce. Repeat. Cover with crumbs and bake in a hot oven until the crumbs are brown. May be baked in scallop shells and served individually.

White sauce is made in the following proportions: Two tablespoons butter, one and one-half cups flour, one cup scalded milk, one-fourth teaspoon salt and a few grains of pepper. If a thick sauce is required, as for croquettes, use twice the amount of flour, or a little corn-starch.

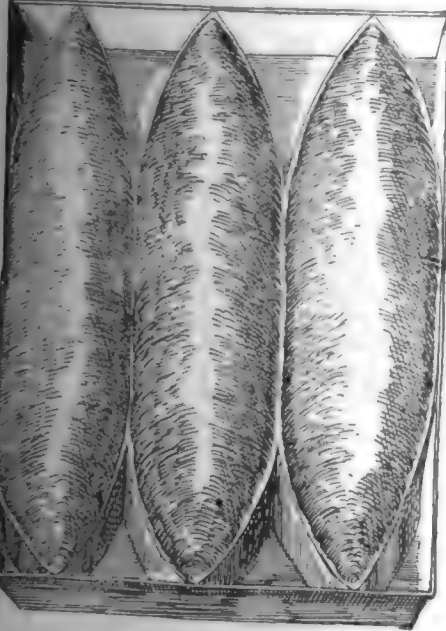
## FISH CROQUETTES.

To two cups cold flaked halibut or salmon add one cup thick white sauce; season with salt and pepper and spread on a plate to cool. Shape, roll in crumbs, egg and crumbs again and fry in a basket in deep fat. Drain on brown paper and garnish with lemon and parsley.

## SCALLOPED COD.

Line a buttered baking dish with cold flaked cod, sprinkle with salt and pepper, cover with a layer of oysters (first dipped in melted butter, seasoned with onion juice, lemon juice and a few grains of cayenne and then in cracker crumbs.) Add two tablespoons oyster liquor; repeat and cover with buttered cracker crumbs. Bake twenty minutes in a hot oven. Serve with egg or Hollandaise sauce.

We are illustrating this month some new tins for baking bread in the shape of a French loaf. Of course we all know that the real French bread is baked in long rolls, in the oven—but in the ordinary range and by the ordinary home cook it is impossible to arrive at the same results as in the case of the baker or caterer.



FRENCH LOAF TIN.

Therefore these tins are made with a view to having the same shaped loaf as the French roll, only it is much shorter; but it has the large amount of crust, which is what we are after.

## FRENCH LOAVES.

Scald two cups milk, add one and one-half teaspoons salt and one tablespoon sugar. When lukewarm add one yeast cake dissolved in one-half cup lukewarm water and flour enough to knead. Toss on a floured board and knead thoroughly. Cover and let rise; shape; again let rise and bake in a hot oven forty minutes.



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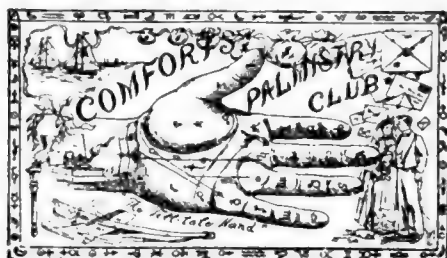
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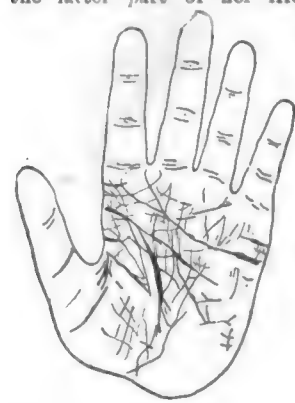
To take impressions, first hold two large pieces of blank paper over a candle or similar flame, until they are heavily coated with the smoke. Then lay these pieces down, smoke side uppermost on a pad of cotton. Now place the two hands, palms downward, one on each sheet of paper, pressing firmly and steadily down, but taking care not to move the hand. Keep them so for one minute and lift carefully, so as not to disturb the impression. Have ready some kerosene, which can be bought at a drug store or an art store or made with gum arabic and water in an atomizer. Spray this over the impressions before they are moved and allow them to dry. Then they are ready to send.

Smoked paper impressions are the best. But if it is desired to send a plaster cast, take plaster of Paris and dissolve in water to the consistency of thick cream. Pour this into a large shallow dish and when it is hardening place the hand, well-washed, palm downward, in the plaster, pressing downward. Several minutes will be required to get this impression. Great care must be taken in removing the hand, not to break the plaster. Casts are exceedingly difficult to send without breaking and should be very carefully packed in a box with the ends of the plaster written on it. Plaster is sometimes successfully used in place of plaster. A good photograph if sufficiently well taken to bring out all the lines, can also be read, although in all cases the smoked paper is the best, if properly treated with fixatif.

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"SYBIL."

Also a peculiar hand. One indicating a very sensitive and nervous temperament although she is of a bright disposition, happy and gay. Her early life has been very much broken up by opposition from others and she has never been allowed to have her own way in any matters. This will continue until she is about twenty after which she will manage her own affairs. She will marry young, perhaps at twenty, and will marry two or three times during her life. She is always admired by the opposite sex and has many friends among them, some of whom will be quite distracted on her account. She seems, however, to be amply able to take care of herself and will select the right ones for her matrimonial ventures. She has a large and well defined star on the Mount of Apollo which betokens celebrity and I think some degree of wealth although the hollowness of this hand in the center prevents my following the line of Apollo as I would like to. She also has another line which seldom appears unbroken, and that is the girdle of Venus. This gives the subject decided talent, especially for poetry or art, and it gives a tendency towards spiritualism as well. "L. A." would make a good actress as she has many gifts in that direction. She needs to cultivate self poise and self control. If she decides to cultivate a public career she will meet with some obstacles at first and needs to strengthen her powers of perseverance, after which she will surely succeed. She is sure to be famous in the end and I think will become wealthy also. Her hand at first glance is almost a discouraging one but the more one studies it the more it promises for the future.

Some one asks where is located the plain of Mars? It is all that space on the palm between the life, the line of head and the Mounts of Mars and the moon. The Mounts are situated first, between the mount of Mercury, and the mount of the moon, and second, that space under the mount of Jupiter just above the base of the thumb. The plain of Mars is also called the triangle and is composed of the upper

angle—i. e., that formed by the junction of the line of life and of head; the inner angle—i. e., that formed by the junction of the line of head with the line of health or the line of fate, at the mount of Mars; and the lower angle, which is formed by the approximation or junction of the line of life and the line of health (when the latter is present.)

The quadrangle is the rectangular space comprised between the lines of the head and of heart, and is generally bounded on the one side by the line of fate and on the other by the line of Apollo.

The rascette or restreinte is the joint on the wrist at which it joins the hand, which is generally occupied by one or more lines, which are more or less apparent, the upper one of which is known as the rascette and the others as the restreinte the whole forming what are called the Bracelets of Life.

The lines generally found in the hands are as follows: the line of life, which encircles the ball of the thumb or Mount of Venus.

The line of head, which, starting from the beginning of the line of life (to which it is usually joined), between the thumb and first finger, runs straight across the hand.

The line of heart, which, starting from the Mounts of Jupiter or of Saturn, runs across the hand immediately below the Mounts of Saturn, Apollo, and Mercury, ending at the percussion.

The line of fate or fortune, which starting either from the line of life, from the rascette, or from the Mount of the Moon, runs up more or less directly to the middle finger (the finger of Saturn.)

The line of health or liver, which, starting near the wrist, at the base of the line of life, rises diagonally across the hand to meet the line of head, close to the Mount of Mars, or at top of the Mount of the Moon.

The line of art and brilliancy, which, rising from the triangle or its vicinity rises to the finger of Apollo (the third), cutting across the mount at its base.

To these are added three lesser lines sometimes found in a hand, which are: The line of Mars, which lies close inside the line of life, which it follows as a sister line.

The ring or girdle of Venus, which encloses the Mounts of Saturn and of Apollo.

The Via Lasciva, or milky way, which, rising from the wrist, traverses the Mount of the Moon.

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The first to come is Rosebud, Norfolk, Va., who wants to know whether it is her place or the young man's to ask her parents for her. It is the young man's place, though usually the daughter gives her mother or her father a hint that something of the kind may be expected. As Rosebud is only sixteen I would suggest that her parents refuse their consent for four years at least.

Sweet Lullaby, Chicago, Ill.—No. (2) It is not customary to ask your escort at a dance if you can dance with other men. You fill your card as you please, though if he asks you especially not to dance with a certain man, you should regard his wishes.

Rose, Fall City, Cal.—Silver is originally an English word. Still a person of that name might not be English. You will have to take his word for it.

Triz, Sioux Falls, Iowa.—There is no way to change the color of your eyes. You can make your hair grow faster by keeping the scalp clean, brushing with a soft brush, not too much combing. Clean the scalp with yolk of an egg, rubbing it in and rinse with hot water. Clip the hair in the first quarter of each new moon. Your other questions are too silly.

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Eva, Chadbourne, Mo.—Confer with your brother and invite such persons to his birthday party as are acceptable to both of you. (2) Yes, a brother should know of his sister's love affairs, because if he is a good brother he can give her good advice.

Irene, Milton, W. Va.—Yes. (2) Yes. (3) Neither. He looks after himself. 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## Queens' Husbands.

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Being husband to a Queen is a serious matter, not lightly to be entered upon, and not so common as one would think at first. Of course there is a reasonably large number of royal women who have husbands who are kings, but that is a very different thing from being the husband of a woman who is a queen in her own right. The recent betrothal of the girl Queen of Holland, Wilhelmina, recalls how few such marriages there have been during the century just past.

It is, in fact, over fifty years, since a European reigning queen has taken a husband. The last to do so was Isabella of Spain, who on the tenth of October, 1846, married her cousin, Don Francisco d'Assisi. The queen was only sixteen years old at the time. Don Francisco received the title of King Consort. The marriage was never a happy one, and innumerable scandals, intrigues and jealousies followed it.

Only one reigning European queen of modern times has had two husbands. This was Maria II. of Portugal. Her first husband was Prince Augustus, of Leuchtenburg, to whom she was married December 1st, 1834, and who died less than four months afterwards. A year later the queen married Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg, a relative of Queen Victoria's husband. He was given the title of King Consort. He was always popular in Portugal, where he survived his royal wife by several years. After her death he married the famous German American dancer, Fannie Elslser, who was afterwards made Countess of Edla. Strange indeed are the histories of those who live within the rays of "the light that beats upon a throne."

Of course the marriage of Queen Victoria occurs to every one, at once, as the most notable example of a semi-royal union in the history of modern times. Her husband was Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, to whom she was married February 10th, 1840. He never was to take the title of King Consort, and had to content himself with being known as Prince Consort. There have occasionally been rumors that Queen Victoria was a jealous wife, but these do not seem to be very well authenticated, and it is much more probable that this was an exceptionally happy royal marriage. Certainly the widowed queen's devotion to her husband's memory, and her success as a mother in bringing up her family of children since his death, have been conspicuous.

Some other English queens have had interesting histories in the way of husbands. Princess Mary of York married William of Orange. Later, when she became queen, he was crowned with her as king. This double coronation necessitated the making of a second coronation chair, so that the two sovereigns could receive the royal honors together. The original English coronation chair is over six hundred years old, and every English sovereign who has ascended the throne during all that time has sat in this chair which is kept in Westminster Abbey, where Queen Victoria sat in it for a second time at the great celebration which commemorated her fiftieth anniversary. The second chair, made for William of Orange, stands beside it. People who look at the two chairs closely see that the seat of the new one is about four inches the higher. Thereby is revealed a queer bit of royal pride. Queen Mary was a large woman, nearly six feet tall. Her husband was a rather small man, and not her equal in height. That he might not look insignificant beside her at the coronation ceremony his chair was made enough higher than hers so that his head was brought up to the level where hers was.

After King William died—his wife having died some years before he did—the Princess Anne became queen. She is usually known in history as "Good Queen Anne." This descriptive epithet may have been gained because she did not do anything of very much account, either good or bad. One printed opinion of her and her husband says: "Queen Anne came



QUEEN WILHELMINA.

to the throne bringing with her as husband Prince George of Denmark, a fat-headed person of no importance. He never received any title as husband of the queen, not even that of Prince Consort. Without injustice it may be said of this royal pair,

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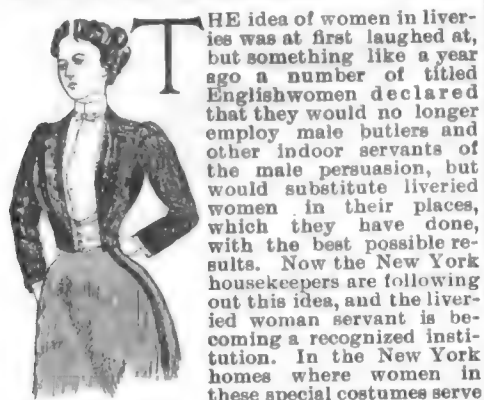
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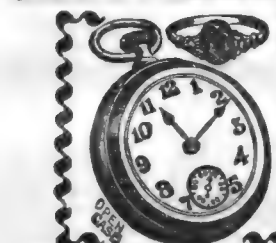
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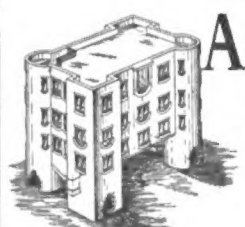
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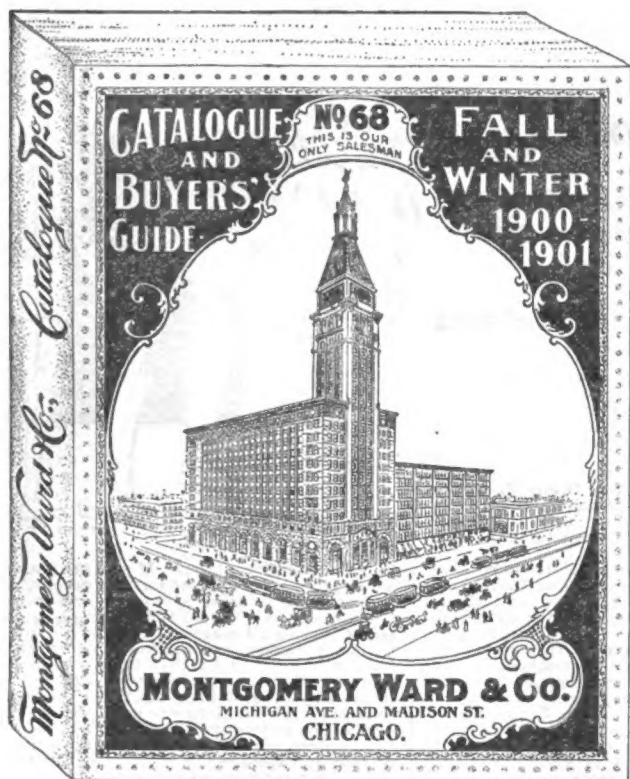








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